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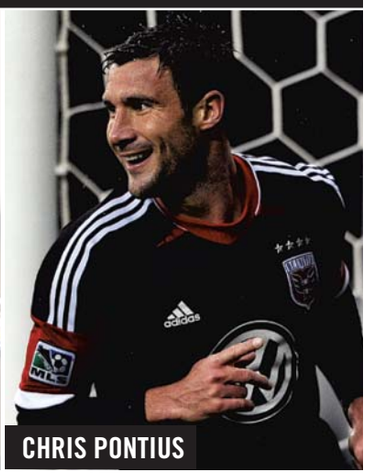
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ANY TIME, ANY PLACE

"I don't mind the change in venue for Saturday's game," said **team captain Chris Pontius**. "Some things are bigger than sports and New York and New Jersey have bigger issues than soccer right now."

While United agreed to give up a slight competitive advantage by allowing the Red Bulls to host the second leg, the task for Ben Olsen's men remains the same – win at home and get a positive result on the road.

Key to United's success in both legs will be neutralizing what is perhaps the most dangerous attack in all of MLS. **Thierry Henry** (15G/12A) and Kenny Cooper (18G) combined well throughout the 2012 season, and are complemented by a host of dangerous players in Tim Cahill, Joel Lindpere and super-sub Sebastian Le Toux.

During the team's 5-0-2 unbeaten streak to end the regular season, it was United's renewed commitment to defense that made the difference – the team's goals-against average during that stretch was just 0.71. **Goalkeeper Bill Hamid** has been playing the best soccer of his career, and he and his back four will need to be in top form to keep New York's firepower at bay.

"I love this group of players," said Head Coach Ben Olsen of his squad. "I love the way they've responded this year. I love the way they fight for this club and for the supporters. **We're going to fight to the final whistle and, maybe, at the end of this thing, we'll lift MLS Cup."**

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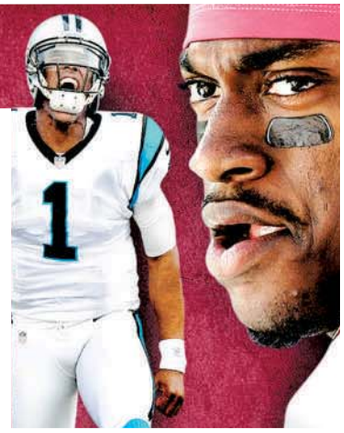

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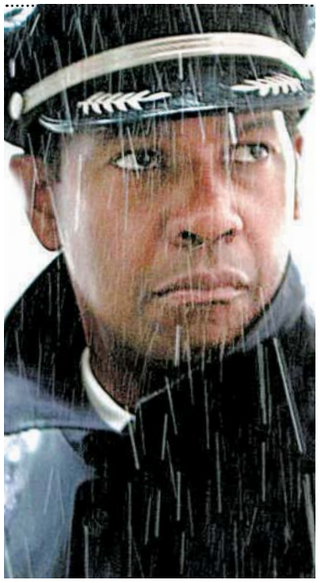

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An aerial view of Mantoloking, N.J., is seen after being ravaged by Superstorm Sandy. Some residents of New Jersey's coastal areas returned home Thursday to assess the damage.

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MENU ITEMS

Pairs Nicely With Tofurkey

A Northern California eatery is giving its customers information that most restaurants go to great lengths to cover up. The owner of Cafe del Soul in Marin County posted a sign on its front door acknowledging that it's infested with German cockroaches. The organic restaurant was closed Wednesday so the health department could bring in a pest-control company. (AP)

TECHNIQUES

Californians Face Sharks, Channel Chuck Norris

Scott Stephens of Manila, Calif., said a great white shark pulled him underwater Tuesday off the coast of Eureka and let him go only after receiving blows. Likewise, Mariko Haugen of Folsom, Calif., said she was swimming in Hawaii over the weekend when she encountered a tiger shark and punched it twice to get away. (AP)

MYSTERIES

Big Foot Finds the Perfect Town for His Retirement

Virginia City has emerged as Nevada's "most bearded community." The Nevada Appeal reported Monday that Virginia City won by bringing 57 whiskered faces to the competition held Saturday after the annual Nevada Day Parade in Carson City, which had only 46 bearded faces at the event. Two Nevada Supreme Court justices served as judges and chose winners in eight other categories, including best salt-and-pepper beard. (AP)

The Big Picture

BILL HUGHES/AP

A YARD SIGN NO ONE CAN STEAL: Artist Jim Lennox and his wife, Hilary Ross, wave Friday while standing next to the 100-foot by 80-foot field painting of Big Bird, a parody of the Barack Obama Hope poster, outside their home in Shickshinny, Pa. Lennox designed the image and invited friends over for a painting party, using environmentally safe paint. Four years ago, he created a large image of then-candidate Obama in the same field.

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Nation

Obama, Romney Vie For Mantle of Change

After a lull, rivals hit the trail to win over battleground voters

Doswell, Va.

Five days before the election, Republican challenger Mitt Romney and President Barack Obama offered competing promises of change Thursday in a country thirsting for it after a painful recession and uneven recovery, pressing intense closing arguments in their unpredictably close race for the White House. Early voting topped 20 million ballots.

A three-day lull that followed Superstorm Sandy ended abruptly, the president campaigning briskly across three battleground states and Romney piling up three stops in a fourth.

In a possible boost for Obama, government and private sources churned out a spate of encouraging snapshots on the economy that suggested the recovery was picking up its pace, and a measurement of consumer confidence rose to its highest level since 2008.

Still, none of the day's measurements packed the political significance of the campaign's final report on unemployment, due Friday. Joblessness was measured at 7.8 percent in September, falling below 8 percent for the first time since Obama took office.

Unemployment alone explained the competition to be the candidate of change, the slogan Obama memorably made his own in 2008 and struggles to hold now.

"Real Change On Day One" read a banner at Romney's first appearance of the day, in Roanoke, Va., and the same on a sign on the podium where he spoke in Doswell.

"This is a time for greatness. This is a time for big change, for real change," Romney said. "I'm going to make real changes. I'm going to get this economy going."

One day after touring storm-battered New Jersey with Republican Gov. Chris Christie, Obama arrived in Green Bay, Wis., and promptly lit into Romney.

In the campaign's final weeks, his rival "has been using all his talents as a salesman to dress up" policies that led to the nation's economic woes. "And he is offering them up as change," Obama said.

DAVID ESPO AND KASIE HUNT (AP)

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Mitt Romney greets supporters Thursday at Meadow Event Park in Richmond, Va.

Meanwhile ...

The ever-present polls charted a close race for the popular vote, and a series of tight battleground surveys suggested neither President Barack Obama nor Mitt Romney could be confident of success in the competition for the 270 electoral votes that will decide the winner. Obama's aides left North Carolina off the president's itinerary in the campaign's final days and Romney's team omitted Ohio and Wisconsin from a list of battlegrounds where they claimed narrow advantage. (AP)

In Brief

LOUISVILLE, KY.

Train Derailment Site's Blaze to Keep Burning

A chemical fire at the site of a train derailment in Kentucky that forced hundreds of people to evacuate their homes Wednesday was expected to continue burning all day Thursday, far longer than initially predicted, emergency officials said. (AP)

TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

Ala. University Names First Woman President

The University of Alabama's board of trustees on Thursday named the first permanent woman president in the school's 181-year history. Judy L. Bonner was interim president when the previous president resigned Wednesday. (AP)

NAPERVILLE, ILL.

Prosecutor: Ill. Woman Stabbed Son 100 Times

Plackowska

A suburban Chicago woman stabbed her 7-year-old son 100 times then turned the knife on a 5-year-old girl who witnessed the attack, killing both children as they begged for their lives, a prosecutor said Thursday. Elzbieta Plackowska, 40, told attorneys that the children had evil inside of them and didn't listen to her. (AP)

No Thanks: Officials at the European Centre Medium Range Forecast are forecasting a possible nor'easter to hit the East Coast next week. The EURO model shows an area of low pressure developing off the Georgia/South Carolina coast Tuesday and then moving up the coast into New England by Wednesday night. The simulated storm shows moderate rains, gusty winds and possible snow in the same areas hit by Superstorm Sandy. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Ex-Penn State President Charged

Prosecutors: Spanier hid abuse complaints regarding Sandusky

Harrisburg, Pa.

Former Penn State President Graham Spanier was charged Thursday with hushing up child sex-abuse complaints against Jerry Sandusky, taking the allegations of a "conspiracy of silence" to the highest level of the university and marking another chapter in the dramatic downfall of a once-renowned administrator.

Prosecutors also added counts against two of Spanier's former underlings, Tim Curley and Gary Schultz, who were already charged with lying to the grand jury that investigated the former Penn State assistant football coach.

"This was not a mistake by these men. This was not an oversight," said state Attorney General Linda Kelly. "This was a conspiracy of silence by top officials to actively conceal the truth."

Spanier's lawyers issued a statement that asserted his innocence and described the new charges as an attempt by Gov. Tom Corbett to divert attention from the three-year investigation that began under his watch as attorney general.

"These charges are the work of a vindictive and politically motivated governor working through an unelected attorney general ... whom he appointed to do his bidding," the four defense lawyers wrote.

Corbett spokesman Kevin Harley said the defense statement "sounds like the ranting of a desperate man who just got indicted."

Curley and Schultz have repeatedly asserted they are innocent.

Spanier was charged with perjury, obstruction, endangering the welfare of children, failure to properly report suspected abuse and conspiracy. Curley and Schultz face new charges of endangering the welfare of children, obstruction and conspiracy.

In June, a jury found Sandusky guilty of 45 of the 48 counts against him and in October, a judge sentenced him to 30 to 60 years in prison. He has maintained his innocence and is pursuing appeals.

MARK SCOLFORO (AP)

Backstory

Former Penn State President Graham Spanier, 64, had been president for 16 years when he was forced out after Jerry Sandusky's arrest in 2011. Spanier remains a faculty member but was placed on paid leave Thursday. He has said he had no memory of email traffic concerning the 1998 complaint made by a mother after Sandusky showered with her son, and only slight recollections about the 2001 complaint by a team assistant who said Sandusky sexually abused a boy at a campus shower. (AP)

In N.Y., Long Lines and Longer Sighs

MARIOTAMA/GETTY IMAGES

PEOPLE EXIT A METRO-NORTH TRAIN arriving in Grand Central Terminal during the morning rush in New York City on Thursday. In the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, subway service is limited, and with much of lower Manhattan still without power, buses are replacing the trains that can't get there.

158K **The number of jobs** that businesses added in October, payroll provider ADP reported Thursday. ADP said job gains accelerated since September, when revised figures showed a gain of 114,000 jobs. (AP)

Not Up for Debate In a radio ad released Thursday, Democratic challenger Elizabeth Warren criticized Massachusetts Sen. Scott Brown for refusing a final debate offer. A fourth debate was planned for Tuesday but was delayed because of Superstorm Sandy. Warren offered to debate Thursday, but Brown declined, saying it conflicted with a planned bus tour. Brown released two radio ads Thursday as he began the bus tour. (AP)

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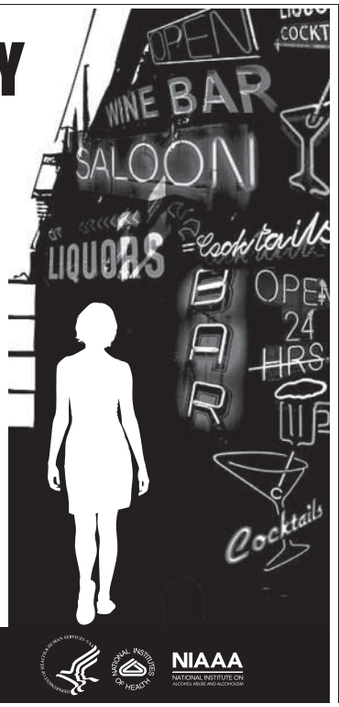

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MOSCOW

Official: Putin's Injury Not Due to Crane Flight

Russian President Vladimir Putin's September flight in a hang glider accompanying migrating cranes had aggravated an old back injury, the newspaper Vedomosti reported Thursday, citing unnamed sources. His spokesman acknowledged Putin had a strained back but denied the stunt was to blame. (AP)

JERUSALEM

Israel Admits It Killed Palestinian Official in '88

Israel acknowledged Thursday it killed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat's deputy in a 1988 raid in Tunisia, lifting a nearly 25-year veil of secrecy. Israel has long been suspected of assassinating Khalil al-Wazir, who was better known as Abu Jihad and who founded Fatah, the leading faction in the Palestinian Liberation Organization, with Arafat. (AP)

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The new voting age, down from 18, in Argentina as of Thursday, a move that could have a big influence in next year's congressional elections. The law won final approval Wednesday evening. (AP)

Syrian War Hits Anti-U.S. Alliance

Assad's ties to Iran, militant groups fray as conflict continues

Beirut

When the Hamas rulers of Gaza recently gave a hero's welcome to the ruler of Qatar, a foe of the Syrian regime, it sent a strong message reverberating across the capitals in Tehran, Damascus and Beirut.

The powerful anti-U.S. alliance of Iran, Syria and militant groups Hezbollah and Hamas, once dubbed the "Axis of Resistance," is fraying.

Iran's economy is showing signs of distress from nuclear sanctions, Syrian President Bashar Assad is fighting for his survival, and Hezbollah in Lebanon is under fire by opponents who blame it for the assassination of an anti-Syrian official. Hamas — the Palestinian arm — has bolted.

"We're seeing basically the resistance axis becoming much more vulnerable and under duress," said Fawaz Gerges of the Middle East Center at the London School of Economics. "So even if it survives, it's really under tremendous pressure."

The axis is one of two powerful camps that divide the Middle East into spheres of competing influence. It faces off against the wealthy monarchies of Saudi Arabia and Qatar allied loosely with most of the other Arab countries and neighboring Turkey.

The fault line is sharply sectarian: Iran and Hezbollah are Shiite and Assad's regime is dominated by the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam. Hamas, which is Sunni, had been the exception before it strayed. Qatar, Saudi Arabia and other Sunni Muslim-led Arab countries in the Gulf have been trying to stem the regional influence of Iran.

The uprising against Assad that erupted 19 months ago shook a major pillar of the alliance.

"The fate of the alliance rests on the future of the Assad regime," said Bilal Saab, a Middle East expert at the Monterey Institute of International Studies. "If Assad goes, Iran and Hezbollah will suffer and find it much more difficult to plan, coordinate and communicate." BASSEM MROUE (AP)

LENS YONG HOMS/AP

A neighborhood in Syria's Homs province is shown in this photo provided by a citizen journalist Wednesday after heavy shelling by President Bashar Assad's regime.

Meanwhile ...

Syrian rebels killed 78 soldiers in attacks on military checkpoints in northern Idlib province Thursday, just hours after a wave of bombings hit Damascus and its outskirts, activists said. The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the rebels attacked three military checkpoints near the town of Saraqeb, killing the troops. Five rebels also died in gun battles following the attacks, according to the Observatory, which relies on reports from activists on the ground. The relentless fighting in Syria has killed more than 36,000 people since March 2011, according to activists. (AP)

Open at Last? The 105-story, pyramid-shaped hotel that has loomed over North Korea's capital for more than 20 years might be on the verge of opening. Pyongyang's Ryugyong Hotel will "partially, probably" open in the middle of next year, Reto Wittwer of hotel operator Kempinski AG said Thursday. The hotel has been a source of fascination and ridicule for the outside world and an oversized embarrassment for North Korea's regime. (AP)

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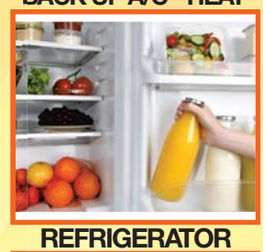

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World

Cairo Balks at Closing Times

Public outcry rises over curfew for most 24-hour businesses

Cairo

Egypt's capital prides itself on being a city that never sleeps. Now the government is facing a public backlash as it vows to impose new nationwide rules closing stores and restaurants early.

Officials say the step is necessary to conserve electricity in a nation buckling under economic crisis and fuel shortages. But it has an undercurrent of social control: a desire by secular conservatives and Islamists to tame a population they see as too unruly, especially in a post-revolution atmosphere of protests and relentless demands on a beleaguered government.

Simply put, officials say, Egyptians should stop thinking they can do whatever they want, should go to sleep early and work in the morning.

"Egypt should not be a nocturnal state, but a morning state like all countries," Legal Affairs Minister Mohammed Mahsoub, an Islamist, said Wednesday.

Officials said the regulations will take effect Saturday. Many are furious over what they see as a violation of the nation's psyche.

"This regulation is a huge mistake," said Ashraf Shaaban, who runs a falafel sandwich shop in Imbaba. "It is against the nature of the Egyptian people. We stay up late. We don't want a curfew."

MAGGIE FICK (AP)

Backstory

Under Egypt's new rules, shops would be required to close at 10 p.m. and restaurants and cafes at midnight. Those with a tourism license — most bars and upscale restaurants — would be exempted. Past governments have tried to regulate business hours in hopes of injecting a semblance of order to Cairo. But in the end, they backed down in the face of public uproar. (AP)

Time to Consider More Gondolas

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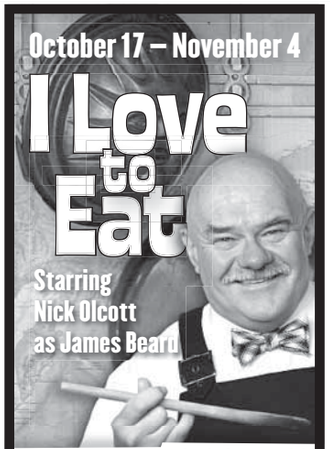

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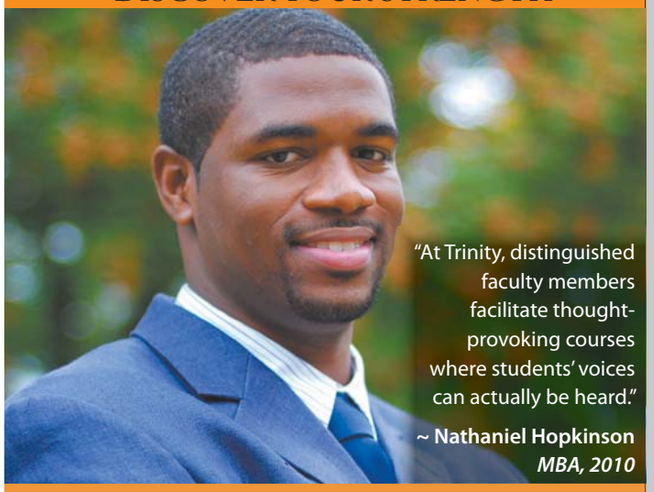

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Taxi Collector

With Metro completely shut down and Capital Bikeshare closed this past Monday, taxis were pretty much the only option for folks without cars who needed to get somewhere. But passengers had to pay extra for them because the D.C. Taxicab Commission tacked on a $15 emergency surcharge throughout the storm.

Oy. I often feel like the taxi drivers in this city want to be loathed.

And then I meet Desta. His vehicle is comfortable and clean, his demeanor friendly, and he's exactly the person you hope pulls up when you're standing on a street corner flailing an arm. He's also one of the first cabbies in the District to sign on for the MyTaxi app, which lets riders book a trip, pay for the ride and rate the driver, all via cellphone.

"The app is a bridge between the passenger and driver," says Desta, who's already had more than 20 fares through the system and picked me up for a spin with MyTaxi's D.C. general manager, Yonis Benitez. "I can only find passengers on the street as I drive. This gives me the option of the surrounding area, too. And a passenger can call from inside."

The idea may sound familiar to anyone who's used Uber, which relies on a similar platform to summon black cars and SUVs. The difference is that MyTaxi taps into Washington's cab network.

By Vicky Hallett

The app won't cost passengers more (drivers are on the hook for a small fee in exchange for the additional business), and it manages to address one of the most frequent complaints about D.C. taxi drivers: They sometimes refuse to take you to your destination.

When drivers accept a ride through the app, Benitez explains, they know only where they're picking you up. Once they've agreed to do it, they get more details — including where you want to go — and it's too late to back out. (Those who balk risk getting kicked off the app.)

"If for any reason I don't pick them up, I'll have to explain why," Desta says. "I can't pick up a passenger on the street first."

What the app won't help with, for now, is the difficulty of getting a cab in certain neighborhoods. Benitez won't reveal exactly how many cabbies in the city are using it other than it's "in the hundreds." But since most cabbies cruise around downtown, and the ones using the app select a certain radius they're willing to travel to pick up a fare, MyTaxi presents a challenge for folks who live farther from the regular routes. As the network of cabs grows, Benitez vows, more of the city will have coverage.

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With more cabs enrolled, passengers will also be able to take better advantage of the rating system. Not only can you set your preferences to get exclusively 5-star cabs, you can also come up with a list of your favorite drivers (like, say, Desta) and have that group alerted first. That gives cabbies an incentive to top expectations, both to get repeat business and to pull in new customers.

Like David Hasselhoff, MyTaxi is huge in Germany. Now it's focusing on the States, starting with Washington — where it can conveniently share an office with its investor, car2go.

"We want to revolutionize how city dwellers get around," Benitez says. "You don't need a vehicle. I take a car2go to a restaurant and I have a drink, so I call a taxi."

And, hopefully, it's Desta who shows up.

Local

In Brief

RICHMOND, VA.

Filings Reveal $500K Loan to Allen Campaign

Allen

George Allen's U.S. Senate campaign took out a $500,000 bank loan this week, with the candidate himself personally guaranteeing the money. The loan, made Monday, was not announced publicly, but he revealed it on a required "48-hour notice" of fundraising that he filed with the Office of the Secretary of the Senate. Allen faces fellow former Gov. Tim Kaine, a Democrat, in the contest to succeed retiring Democratic Sen. Jim Webb. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

WASHINGTON

D.C. Businesses Could See AC Regulations

The D.C. Council is considering legislation that would prohibit businesses from propping their doors open if their air conditioning is running. The Washington Examiner reported that the measure is buried in energy legislation that district lawmakers planned to take up Thursday. The proposed law would apply to about 4,000 establishments. Those caught violating the law would be fined $100 for a first offense, then $200, $400 and $800 for subsequent offenses. (AP)

WASHINGTON

Union Station Barnes & Noble Will Not Shutter

Washington book lovers, take comfort. At least for another year. Twenty-four hours after saying Barnes & Noble planned to close its store in Union Station at the end of the year, a company spokeswoman said Thursday that the company has received and accepted a one-year extension from its landlord and will keep the store open at least through 2013. Why the reversal? The spokeswoman said they received the new offer shortly after the news broke of the store's closing. "I am told the developer called and extended the offer shortly after your [Capital Business] story posted," she said. (CAPITAL BUSINESS)

6 Days in Jail Urged for Brown

Supervised release also recommended for ex-Council chair

Washington

Former D.C. Council chairman Kwame Brown should serve six days in jail followed by three years of supervised release, federal prosecutors urged a judge in court papers filed Thursday.

Brown, a Democrat who resigned from the Council and pleaded guilty to bank fraud charges in June, is scheduled to be sentenced Nov. 13 before U.S. District Judge Richard J. Leon. He faces up to six months in jail under federal sentencing guidelines.

In his own filing Thursday, Brown through his attorney recommended a similar, but lighter, sentence: six days in jail, all suspended, two years of supervised release and 200 hours of community service.

Prosecutors called Brown's crime a serious one that deserved jail time. The former D.C. political star admitted he provided false information on applications to obtain two bank loans worth more than $200,000.

But prosecutors added that a longer jail term was not warranted because Brown accepted responsibility for his misconduct and has no criminal record.

SARAH L. VOISIN/TWP

Ex-D.C. Council chairman Kwame Brown pleaded guilty to bank fraud charges.

The jail time should be served over three weekends, prosecutors wrote, after which Brown should be supervised for three years by court officials.

> **"My public humiliation, the pain that I have caused ... to the city that I love are all the consequences of my actions."**
>
> — **KWAME BROWN,** IN A LETTER OF APOLOGY SENT TO THE JUDGE THURSDAY

"Imprisonment is not necessary to protect society from Mr. Brown, to provide him with rehabilitative treatment or training," Brown's filing read. DEL QUENTIN WILBER (THE WASHINGTON POST)

The Holiday Season Is Under Way

MATT MCCLAIN/FTWP

DRESSED AS A ZOMBIE, GRANT GUSTAFSON, 9, grabs smoke bubbles as they drift on the breeze outside a South Lee Street home with Christmas decorations during a Halloween celebration in Alexandria on Wednesday night.

Audit Reveals More Problems With Authority

Arlington

A federal audit of the authority that runs metropolitan Washington's two major airports has revealed more problems, including over-reliance on no-bid contracts and executives accepting expensive gifts from contractors.

The Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority has faced withering criticism for its oversight of a planned $5.6 billion extension of the region's Metrorail system to Dulles International Airport and other issues.

The audit released Thursday by the Department of Transportation's inspector general cites broad mismanagement. (AP)

The Lotteries

Thursday, Nov. 1

Maryland

Mid-day Pick 3	3-9-1
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	5-0-3
Mid-day Pick 4	8-3-4-2
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	4-2-5-7
Match 5 (Wed.)	6-15-18-26-32 (33)
Multi-Match (Wed.)	1-23-25-26-34-37

District

Mid-day Lucky Numbers	9-4-9
Evening Lucky Numbers (Wed.)	6-3-2
Mid-day DC 4	5-1-9-4
Evening DC 4 (Wed.)	4-1-2-6
Mid-day D.C. Five	1-2-8-1-4
Evening D.C. Five (Wed.)	4-5-9-2-2
Hot Lotto (Wed.)	17-26-27-30-37 (17)

Virginia

Mid-day Pick 3	6-6-4
Evening Pick 3 (Wed.)	3-8-9
Mid-day Pick 4	2-0-6-6
Evening Pick 4 (Wed.)	9-5-7-9
Mid-day Cash 5	9-11-17-22-33
Evening Cash 5 (Wed.)	8-9-23-31-33
Win For Life (Wed.)	5-20-24-36-38-41 (11)

Multi-State Games

Power Play	1-27-31-45-48
Powerball	5

All winning numbers are official only when validated at a lottery ticket location or a lottery claims office. Drawings that occur after Express' deadline will be published two days later.

Superstorm Sandy

Is Sandy Just a Preview?

Storm shows U.S. must prepare for climate change, experts warn

Washington

As the Northeast struggles with the aftermath of Superstorm Sandy, many experts say the government for years has underestimated how much of the nation is prone to flooding, given the increasing likelihood of extreme weather because of climate change and the prospect of future sea-level rise.

These experts, who include not only environmentalists but also community planners, insurers and fiscal conservatives, have pressed groups such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency to rethink the way the government evaluates the risk of floods. Such a change could affect where and how infrastructure is built and make it harder to develop vulnerable areas.

FEMA, in the process of updating flood-insurance maps from the 1980s, is setting up a "technical mapping advisory council" that will study how the agency might take future climate change into account. At this point, it still bases its analysis on historical data.

But Sandy's devastating punch might bolster the case for change, given how it exposed many areas' vulnerabilities to storm surge and sea-level rise.

New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo, D, said policymakers need to acknowledge that the infrastructure now in place along the East Coast is not equipped to withstand the changing climate.

"Anyone who thinks that there is not a dramatic change in weather patterns is denying reality," Cuomo said Tuesday. "We have a new reality, and old infrastructures and old systems."

JOHN MINCHILLO/AP

Cars on Wednesday drive through a street flooded by Superstorm Sandy in Staten Island, N.Y.

Flood planning is based on historical data, rather than future projections. And much of the infrastructure damaged in a storm is rebuilt exactly the same way, without taking into account the climatic changes under way.

FEMA draws the flood maps to provide guidelines to local authorities who determine where properties can be built. Many developers and homeowners have resisted the idea of expanding the definition of flood risk because it raises costs and can restrict development. Policymakers "are afraid of the political backlash," said Georgetown Climate Center executive director Vicki Arroyo.

And expanding the maps means increasing the area covered by the National Flood Insurance Program, which covers Americans in flood-prone areas with federally backed insurance provided they meet federal standards aimed at minimizing risks.

The program was at least $17.75 billion in debt before Sandy made landfall, and the storm could deplete the program's remaining $3 billion is statutory borrowing authority. The insurance is voluntary.

Proponents argue the flood-insurance program provides coverage that would otherwise be unaffordable and saves taxpayers money by prodding communities to take precautions ahead of time. Critics say the program encourages Americans to build and keep property in vulnerable areas, with 40 percent of the total payout going to 2 percent of properties that were repeatedly flooded.

Loud and Clear

Bloomberg Businessweek's forthcoming issue links the devastation Superstorm Sandy wrought on the Northeast to climate change. "Our cover story this week may generate controversy, but only among the stupid," Businessweek editor Josh Tyrangiel tweeted on Thursday. (EXPRESS)

$50B

The total economic damage from Superstorm Sandy could run as high as $50 billion, according to new estimates from the forecasting firm Eqecat. The new numbers are more than double its previous estimate. (AP)

"Climate change is only happening in one direction," said Kevin Trenberth, a senior scientist at the National Center for Atmospheric Research. "The temperature is warmer, the sea level is higher and the air is warmer so it can hold more moisture."

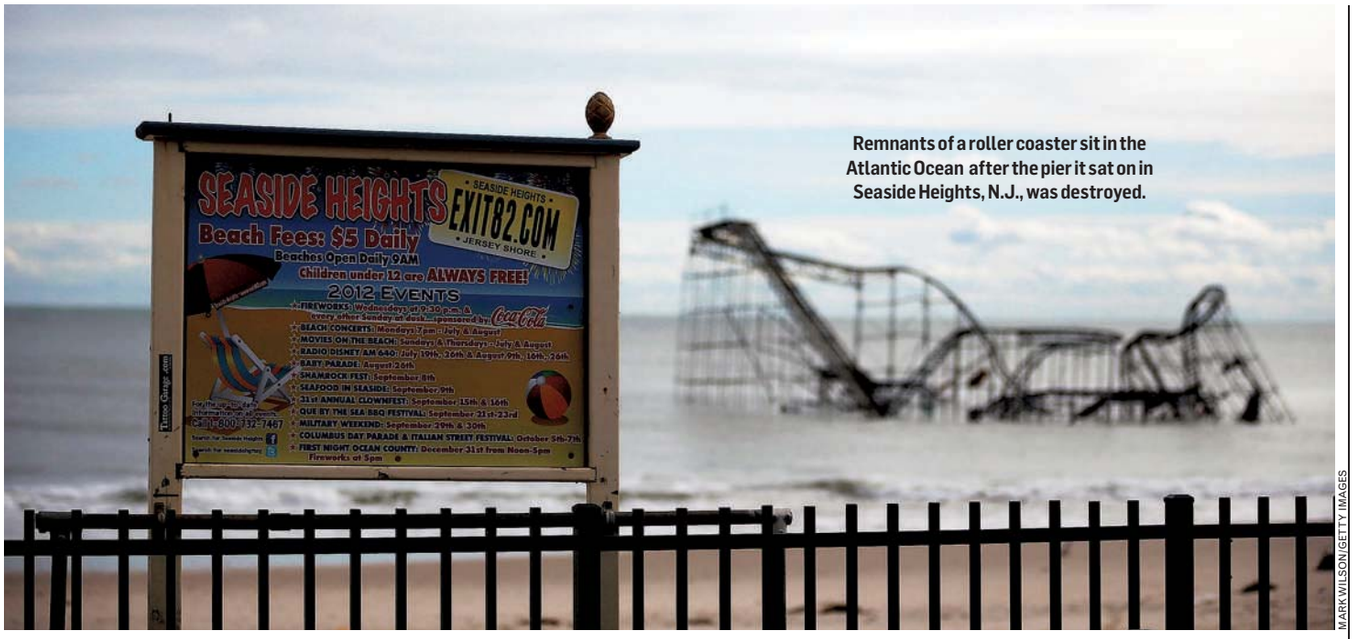
Several recent studies indicate intense precipitation events are getting worse, especially in the Northeast, partly because of climate change.

A recent analysis by the U.S. Global Change Research Program found rainfall totals that were considered 1-in-100-year events in the 1950-to-1978 period were 1-in-60-year events between 1978 and 2007. By 2100, according to the U.N. Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, rain events in the Northeast that are now 1-in-20-year events will take place every four to six years. JULIET EILPERIN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

"Our climate is changing. And while the increase in extreme weather we have experienced in New York City and around the world may or may not be the result of it, the risk that it may be — given the devastation it is wreaking — should be enough to compel all elected leaders to take immediate action."

— NEW YORK CITY MAYOR **MICHAEL BLOOMBERG,** IN AN OP-ED IN BLOOMBERG VIEW. HE ENDORSED PRESIDENT BARACK OBAMA'S RE-ELECTION, SAYING SUPERSTORM SANDY HAD RESHAPED HIS THINKING.

Superstorm Sandy



Remnants of a roller coaster sit in the Atlantic Ocean after the pier it sat on in Seaside Heights, N.J., was destroyed.

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N.J. Stunned By Devastation

As residents return, scope of superstorm begins to set in

Point Pleasant Beach, N.J.

Bill Goldberg's first reaction upon entering his flood-damaged home in this popular Jersey Shore resort community was unprintable.

His second was that life as he knew it had just been turned upside down — along with his refrigerator, freezer, and his kitchen and dining-room furniture.

"Now it's a matter of figuring out whether I have anything left," he said Thursday, as he scraped a thick layer of mud from his home.

Similar scenes were playing out up and down the Jersey Shore as many residents were allowed back into their neighborhoods for the first time since Superstorm Sandy hit Monday. Some were relieved to find only minor damage; others were wiped out.

"A lot of tears are being shed today," said Dennis Cucci, whose home in Point Pleasant Beach sustained heavy damage. "It's absolutely mind-boggling."

In the meantime, the shock from the storm was wearing off and the realization that this would be a long, sloppy slog was setting in.

"It took the storm two days to wreck all this, and it's going to take well over a year to recover from it," Cucci said.

While some residents were able to start assessing damage, others were still being kept away from their homes. Atlantic City and Ventnor remained under a mandatory evacuation Thursday afternoon. (AP)

ANDREW BURTON/GETTY IMAGES

Lori Dibble on Thursday sorts through what can be salvaged from the remains of her mobile home in Highlands, N.J. ,after it was destroyed by Superstorm Sandy.

Gridlock, Subways Return

New York

Frustration — and in some cases fear — mounted in New York City on Thursday, three days after Superstorm Sandy. Traffic backed up for miles at bridges, large crowds waited impatiently for buses into Manhattan, and tempers flared in gas lines.

Mayor Michael Bloomberg said the city would send bottled water and ready-to-eat meals into the hardest-hit neighborhoods through the weekend.

Meanwhile, the subways began rolling after a three-day shutdown. Service was restored to most of the city, but not the most stricken parts of Manhattan and Brooklyn, where the tunnels were flooded. (AP)

SETH WENIG/AP

Men throw food damaged by flooding into a Dumpster in Brooklyn Wednesday.

"I don't believe in a state like ours, where the Jersey Shore is such a part of life, that you just pick up and walk away." — GOV. CHRIS CHRISTIE

Christie's Other Storm

Since Superstorm Sandy devastated his state, Chris Christie, New Jersey's bombastic Republican governor, has gone soft on President Barack Obama. He even called his relationship with Obama "wonderful." The sudden love-in between the two entered its second day Wednesday, when they surveyed the destruction. They walked and posed for photos, with Christie acting like the president's ambassador to New Jerseyans. The friendship is not a bad development for Obama, who isn't the least bit bothered to have one of the Republican Party's most charismatic figures at his side less than a week before the election. The odd man out is Mitt Romney, and some Republicans are upset that Christie has warmed to Obama. Some have gone as far as to call the governor a traitor. (TWP)

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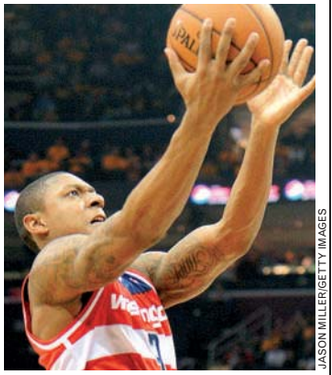

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Bradley Beal and the Wizards host the Celtics in Saturday's home opener.

Friday

8 P.M., 10:30 P.M. Days after Sandy struck, the Knicks play host to LeBron James and the Heat, and then the Clippers try to hand the Lakers a third-straight loss to start the season. ESPN

Saturday

12:30 P.M. Maryland hopes to survive its game against Georgia Tech without another QB getting hurt. Fox5

12:30 P.M. Virginia takes on N.C. State in an ACC game. ESPN3

7 P.M. The Wizards play the Celtics in their home opener. CSN

8 P.M. D.C. United plays the New York Red Bulls at RFK Stadium in the start of their playoff series. NBCSN

Sunday

9 A.M. The New York City Marathon will go on as scheduled despite Sandy's destruction. ESPN

1 P.M. The Redskins host the Panthers. Fox

1 P.M. The Ravens and Browns play in what may be a frightfully boring game. CBS

3 P.M. NASCAR is in Fort Worth, Texas, for the AAA Texas 500. ESPN

4:25 P.M. The Giants and Steelers play in a potential Super Bowl preview. CBS

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Cautionary Tale?

RGIII's rise is similar to Newton's, but he hopes there is no fall

The Redskins

Let's see if this sounds familiar: A Heisman Trophy-winning quarterback is made the face of a downtrodden franchise, he immediately invigorates the fan base with his charisma and marketability, he gets results on the field with a daring mix of running and passing skills, and he gives the organization a flicker of hope.

Then the bubble bursts.

When the Carolina Panthers visit the Redskins on Sunday, two quarterbacks who have been linked (fairly or not) will meet — but at very different stages in their young careers.

Right now, everything is gravy for Robert Griffin III, who has exceeded expectations in his rookie year with his solid play and unquestioned leadership capability. For Carolina's Cam Newton, things couldn't be worse. The magic of his rookie season last year has evaporated, and the Panthers are 1-6 with critics questioning his football acumen and his attitude.

Since Griffin and Newton seem, on the surface, to be similar players, should Redskins fans worry about a potential sophomore slump for their budding star? Or is it shortsighted to lump these two mobile QBs together in the first place?

1 P.M.
Sunday | Fox

"It's not my job to compare, so I'll let you guys continue to do that," Griffin said. "I won't be playing him. I'm playing his defense. Have fun with the comparisons."

Griffin is coming off his worst game as a pro in last week's loss to the Steelers, but he still ranks among the top five in completion percentage (66.8 percent) and the top 10 in passer rating (97.3).

"If you'd told me at the midway point of the season that Robert would be the most successful quarterback in the NFL for yards per play for second and third down, I'd literally say you were crazy," Redskins coach Mike Shanahan said. "So for a guy to be able to do that and still have limited turnovers, it has been pretty impressive."

Last year, that was the talk about Newton, who would finish with nearly 4,800 yards of offense and 35 total touchdowns. In 2012, however, Newton's numbers are down across the board and his surly sideline demeanor hasn't gone unnoticed.

Griffin is prepared to make his own name in the NFL, rendering any worries about similar struggles to his opponent Sunday moot. "You want to go out there and win," he said. "That's what this game is all about. It's not about me versus Cam Newton. It's about us getting the win." ELLIOTT SMITH (FOR EXPRESS)

3 Things to Watch

1 Room to roam: The Redskins' ground game was slowed last week, but Alfred Morris will look to get on track against a Panthers defense that has allowed four 100-yard rushers this season.

2 Mirror image: Washington's defenders know the challenges of going up against the mobile Cam Newton thanks to practicing against Robert Griffin III every day. They should be well-equipped to force the struggling QB into adding to his 12 turnovers.

3 Hands team: The Redskins' WRs didn't do Griffin any favors last week. It will be key for Santana Moss and company to hold onto the ball to help take some pressure off the ground game. E.S.

Political Football: You may not need to wait until Tuesday night to know who will win the presidential election. Just watch the Redskins game Sunday instead. In 17 of the past 18 election cycles (dating back to 1940), when the Redskins won their last home game before the big vote, the incumbent party won. When they lost, a new president was elected. The anomaly is when the Redskins lost and President George W. Bush won re-election in 2004. (EXPRESS)

sports

Swengali

Terps' Edsall Can't Catch a Break

If the phrase "break a leg" wasn't already on Randy Edsall's banned list, it is now.

Now in his second year, the Maryland football coach couldn't keep a quarterback healthy even if he tried.

Four have already gone down with injuries this year, three of them with torn ACLs.

By Matt Swenson

Adding insult to injury, last year's opening-day starter, Danny O'Brien, is now a backup at the University of Wisconsin — another casualty of Edsall's disastrous first season at College Park, where his my-way-or-the-highway style didn't go over so well.

Edsall's strict rules, including a ban on earrings and baseball hats, were the big story last year (along with the Terps' loud uniforms). The QB curse is this season's story line. Lost in the middle is that Edsall is actually doing a pretty good job.

Edsall has made Maryland competitive again, even with so many setbacks.

Maryland has already doubled last year's win total. As recently as two weeks ago, the talk was how close the Terps were to clinching a bowl spot. That was two heartbreaking losses and three injured quarterbacks ago.

At the very least, Edsall has made Maryland competitive again, even with so many setbacks. If the Terps win six games this season (unlikely as it is now), he has to be in line for ACC coach of the year.

All Edsall needs is some luck on his side to fully erase last year's mess. Just don't tell him to break a leg.

@ | Follow Matt Swenson on Twitter. His handle is @Swengali.

Hollywood Ending for Maryland?

12:30 P.M. Sat. | ABC

Terps Football

It sounds like one of those supposedly inspirational sports flicks that fall flat because the premise is just so far-fetched.

Four starting quarterbacks suffer serious, season-ending injuries. The team has no quarterbacks left on the roster, so it turns to a freshman linebacker, a local kid who played high school ball just miles from the campus of the state's big-time college program. He jogs onto the field and steps under center wearing No. 31. And then ... cinematic magic.

The real-life magic is a long shot, and the scenario is painfully real for the Maryland Terrapins, who this week learned Caleb Rowe was their third starting quarterback to suffer an anterior cruciate ligament tear.

JAMES A. PARCELL/FTWP

Shawn Petty, right, was a quarterback at Eleanor Roosevelt High School last year.

Shawn Petty, the freshman linebacker called to duty, played quarterback at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Prince George's County but was never considered for that position at Maryland. Now, neither he nor the team has a choice. He'll start Saturday when Maryland (4-4, 2-2 ACC) hosts Georgia Tech (3-5, 2-3).

"This is about as big of a smile I've seen on his face all year long," offensive coordinator Mike Locksley said of Petty. "This is something he really wants. He wants to prove he can play quarterback at this level even though we recruited him to be a linebacker. I love that."

Petty and freshman tight end Brian McMahon — No. 87 on the roster, No. 2 on the QB depth chart — are left to lead a team that still has an outside shot at reaching a bowl.

Rowe's injury — which was preceded by the loss of C.J. Brown (ACL), Perry Hills (ACL) and Devin Burns (foot) — would seem to be a devastating blow to a team dealing with the injuries and two-straight last-minute losses to N.C. State and Boston College. But coach Randy Edsall promises that this latest gut punch is just one more chance for his team to get up from the mat.

"This is only the third or fourth time that they have gone through it," he said. "Our guys know how to handle it." DEREK TURNER (FOR EXPRESS)

Sunday Pick'Em

	Matt Swenson, SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates, LUNCHLINE, EXPRESS	Chris Williams, BAR MANAGER, PUBLIC BAR	Arnie Applebaum, GENERAL MANAGER, EXPRESS
PANTHERS (PLUS 3) AT REDSKINS	**REDSKINS** One week, I'm going to be right picking the home team.	**PANTHERS** Looking for a win and your team has been struggling? Playing in Landover helps.	**REDSKINS** Jim Haslett has been studying "The Wire," and he wants his corners back.	**REDSKINS** If the Skins put up just 40-plus points per week, they win.
BRONCOS (MINUS 3.5) AT BENGALS	**BRONCOS** It's pretty safe to say Peyton Manning is the feel-good story of the season.	**BRONCOS** Even with the bye week, I'm not sure that Cincy can right their ship at this point.	**BRONCOS** Peyton Manning does well with the Timberwolves of NFL receiver groups.	**BRONCOS** In Peyton I Trust.
DOLPHINS (MINUS 1.5) AT COLTS	**COLTS** Andrew Luck doesn't get the hype RGIII does, but he's lived up to being the top pick.	**COLTS** If I knew that Tannehill would be 100 percent, I would have picked the Dolphins.	**DOLPHINS** Who knew that Miami would be hotter than Tannehill's wife?	**COLTS** They just need a little more Luck.
STEELERS (PLUS 3) AT GIANTS	**GIANTS** Eli wins one for the Superstorm Sandy in NYC.	**STEELERS** I picked them to get to the Super Bowl because they can win this kind of game.	**STEELERS** Big Ben stuffs Eli in a locker. Still the bully of QB Class of '04.	**GIANTS** I can't wait to watch this game.
EAGLES (PLUS 3) AT SAINTS	**SAINTS** Two teams going nowhere. I'll take the team traveling less this week.	**EAGLES** See above.	**SAINTS** When Andy Reid's voodoo doll gets pins in it, it pours out gumbo.	**SAINTS** The Kiss of Death = "Reid confirms Vick his QB."

Season tally: Arnie Applebaum, 28-12; Matt Swenson, 24-16; Public Bar, 27-13; Clinton Yates, 24-16; Ivan Carter, 20-15; Dan Steinberg, 18-17

College Kickoffs

AP

ALABAMA (1) AT LSU (5)

Story Line: The winner lands an inside track to the Southeastern Conference championship game and a prime shot at the BCS title. Crimson Tide QB **A.J. McCarron** has yet to throw an interception this season. (8 P.M., CBS)

OREGON (2) AT SOUTHERN CAL (18)

Story Line: This game against a struggling top-25 opponent represents a great chance for the undefeated Ducks to move up in the BCS rankings. (7 P.M., FOX)

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

D.C.'s Leg To Stand On

Pontius leads United to the playoffs after overcoming injury

Major League Soccer

A leg was not the only thing D.C. United standout Chris Pontius shattered in a game against Chivas USA last year.

The injury on Sept. 10, 2011, brought an end to his promising campaign and set in motion a long recovery process, both physical and mental.

After he returned to competitive play this season, starting the first two games, it was clear he was not back to his old self and was relegated to the bench.

"When you're coming back from an injury like I was, your confidence is shot," Pontius said. "You question every decision you make. I wasn't playing soccer, I was thinking the game too much."

Pontius rode the pine for four games while being challenged to win back his starting role. A game-winning goal as a substitute against the New England Revolution put his season back on track, and two games into his rebirth as a starter, Pontius hit a turning point with a memorable hat trick in a dominant performance against the New York Red Bulls.

As D.C. gets set for the opening leg of its MLS Eastern Conference semifinal playoff series against New York on Saturday at RFK Stadium, Pontius is leading United into its first playoff game in five years with a completely different outlook.

8 P.M.
Sat. | NBCSN

"He has to still move forward and get better, and he can. There's room for improvement, and that's a scary thing."

— D.C. UNITED COACH BEN OLSEN, ABOUT CHRIS PONTIUS

"It was all about confidence for me, and I think that came with the hat trick against New York. That's where it first started," Pontius said. "Obviously I'm in that comfortable position where it's out of my head and I can just play now."

Pontius has excelled against New York this season, scoring five goals in three games.

With defending league MVP Dwayne De Rosario out for the season nursing a sprained MCL, the 25-year-old Pontius inherited captain duties as well. The fourth-year pro who signed a long-term contract extension this summer has blossomed, playing 31 games and tallying 12 goals, both career highs.

"He's had a good season. He's been focused, he's been healthy," D.C. coach Ben Olsen said. "We always knew that once he put a full healthy year in that he was going to be someone that really excels with our group and within the league. It's not a real surprise to us. He has to still move forward and get better, and he can. There's room for improvement, and that's a scary thing." AVI CREDITOR (FOR EXPRESS)

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Chris Pontius has regained his confidence after being benched earlier this season.

Swapped Settings

The devastation caused by Superstorm Sandy in the New York-New Jersey area led MLS to swap the locations for D.C. United's two-legged Eastern Conference semifinal series with the New York Red Bulls. D.C., as the second seed in the East, was supposed to have the advantage of playing the final game against the third-seed Red Bulls at home, with the first leg originally slated for Red Bull Arena. Mass power outages and public transportation woes altered those plans, though, and D.C. agreed to host the opening leg instead, with next Wednesday's second leg being played on the road. "There are times in which circumstances override competitive concerns," D.C. United president and CEO Kevin Payne said on Wednesday. A.C.

Wizards See Room to Improve

The Wizards

The obstacles facing the Wizards at the start of the season are abundant and unavoidable. They're without three of their most important players because of injury, robbing the roster of its scoring punch and size up front and forcing them to outwork and outsmart their opponents.

If that wasn't enough to contend with, the Wizards exacerbated their flaws in a sloppy showing against Cleveland in the season opener. In its 94-84 loss to the Cavaliers on Tuesday, Washington shot poorly, struggled to rebound and generally looked nothing like the team that started to establish momentum with cohesive play toward the end of the preseason.

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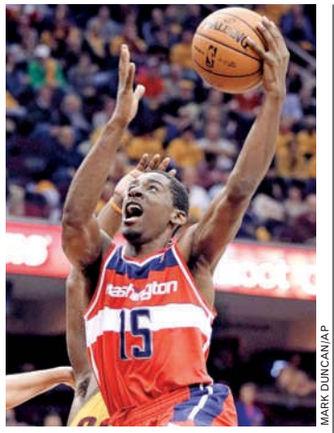
So with three days at his disposal before the Wizards host the Boston Celtics at Verizon Center on Saturday, coach Randy Wittman on Wednesday set about cleaning up the self-inflicted errors.

"That wasn't our team. There were some things that I saw that I hadn't seen in four weeks of being together," Wittman said.

The Wizards devoted the bulk of their Wednesday to examining mistakes in a lengthy film session. In a game in which they made only 35.6 percent of their shots and were outrebounded 54-39, there were plenty of improvements to be found.

For rookie Bradley Beal, who didn't score in the second half against the Cavaliers, that meant close study of the defensive assignments he missed and seeking clarification on play calls that "confused" him. He dismissed the notion that first-game jitters played a role in his performance and said he's not placing additional pressure on himself to produce offensively.

"I was all over the place. I wasn't there mentally," said Beal, 19. "I wasn't as hyped or active on both ends as I usually am." KATIE CARRERA (THE WASHINGTON POST)



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The Wizards' Jordan Crawford goes in for a shot against Cleveland on Tuesday.

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Key to Race Recovery: Keep Moving

Not much rest in Shalane Flanagan's post-marathon plans

Running

What did Shalane Flanagan do after the Marine Corps Marathon last Sunday? Whatever she wanted — because the elite athlete didn't run the 26.2-mile race. (She cheered on participants as a representative of Nissan's Innovation for Endurance program.)

Although the ensuing Superstorm Sandy made it easy for some to stay cooped up, the 31-year-old hopes none of the MCM finishers decided to copy what she did after her first marathon in 2010: nothing. Coming in second place in the New York City Marathon called for a reward, so a week's rest in Hawaii sounded like a good idea. It was — until she tried running again.

"I had quad soreness that lasted a month," says Flanagan, who has since developed a smarter marathon recovery plan, which she used this year at the Olympic trials and the Olympics (where she placed 10th).

It starts with eating whatever she wants. "Usually, that's a burger and fries," Flanagan says. She tries to get a massage "to flush the race out of my legs" as soon as she can. And then she keeps running lightly every day.

CHRISTIAN PETERSEN/GETTY IMAGES

Flanagan came in 10th in the women's marathon at the London Olympics.

Since coming back from the London Games, Flanagan has geared her schedule to shorter races.

"Post-Olympics, there's this lull. It's a way to have new stimulus and new goals," says Flanagan, who had planned to go directly from Washington to New York to run Saturday's Dash to the Finish Line 5K. But that event was canceled so organizers could focus their attention on Sunday's marathon (see box). Next up is a trip to Australia in December for a 10K track race.

In January, she'll be going the distance again to start preparing for April's Boston Marathon. The race is a goal for many runners, but it's a particularly meaningful milestone for Flanagan, who grew up in Massachusetts. "I try not to think about it, or I get too worked up," she says.

And someday, Flanagan promises, she'll return to the Marine Corps Marathon as a participant.

VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

'We Have to Go On'

New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg said Sunday's marathon won't divert resources from victims of Superstorm Sandy's devastation. Bloomberg responded at a news briefing Thursday to criticism of his decision to hold the race. He notes that electricity is expected to be back on in downtown Manhattan by Sunday, freeing up an "enormous number of police." Race organizers have said they'll use more private contractors than in past years to minimize the strain on city services. Bloomberg said "this city is a city where we have to go on." (AP)

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Sharon Rosenblatt started off as a stranger to her former roommates, Brock Cline, left, and Alex Orr, right, but they became friends and are still in touch.

Strangers With Vacancy

Moving in with someone you don't know can have unexpected upsides

Roommates

Sharon Rosenblatt wanted a fresh start. So when she graduated from the University of Maryland in 2010, she opted not to live with a fellow classmate. Instead, she searched places like Craigslist for a sublet in a rental house.

She found one very close to her paid internship in Silver Spring — in a house inhabited by two men in their mid-30s. Not exactly the roommates you'd expect for a young woman fresh out of college.

"It was a bit unconventional," says Rosenblatt, who works in IT support services. "But I went with my gut, despite protests from my friends that it was weird for a 22-year-old woman to move into a frat house."

For Rosenblatt, becoming roommates with two people who started off as strangers

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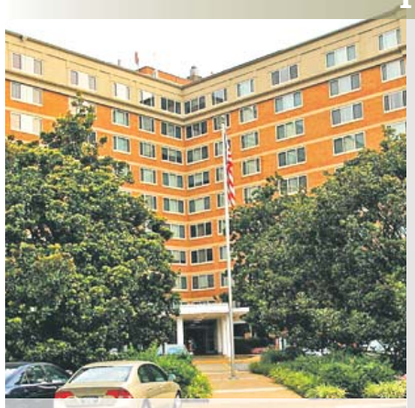

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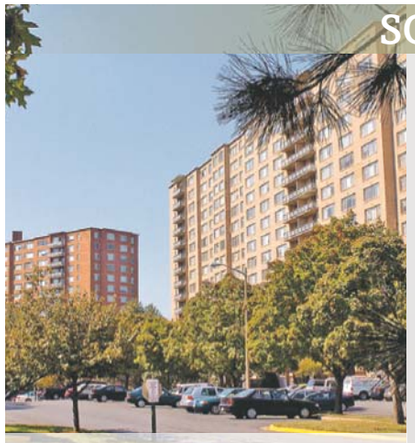

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Roommates

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was a way to break free from college and begin forging her own path. Plenty of renters end up living with people they don't know out of simple financial necessity, as living on your own in this area comes with a high price tag.

It's especially common for those who are new to the city to find themselves in this living arrangement.

While finding a good home — with a good roommate — is a challenge, there are ways to ensure you'll be getting into a good situation.

nextweek

Bedbugs are the unfortunate new reality of renting in an urban area. In next week's Ready to Rent, we'll tell you what to do if you get them.

Sites such as Craigslist.org, Roommates.com and Roomster.com can help connect you with a potential living partner. But before you start searching, you should determine what you can live with and what you can't. That means taking into account your preferences about such things as noise, cleanliness and guests. Can you handle dirty dishes in the sink or a boyfriend who's a fixture on the living-room couch?

When you find someone who seems like a good match, don't rush into things. Start off with a phone call to get a feel for the other person and what they're looking for in a roommate. If you're not liking what you're hearing, you can wrap things up without wasting a lot of time.

If the partnership has potential, move on to a face-to-face meeting where you have an honest conversation about the realities of living together.

"Don't hide the fact that you've got a significant other who spends three nights a week with you," says Annamarie Pluhar, author of "Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates" (Bauhan Publishing, $16.50) and its companion blog (Sharinghousing.com). "This is not a good way to start a relationship."

Ask a lot of questions, and watch the way the other person responds. If you're considering a room in a rental house, check to see if the common areas truly feel like shared spaces, and observe how the current roommates interact with each other.

It also doesn't hurt to do a little research on this unknown person or people you'll be letting into your life. Ask for references, or do some Internet research. Rosenblatt made sure her potential roommates had stable employment and they weren't hiding any disturbing secrets.

"I Googled them," she says.

Don't ignore any nagging doubts you might have.

"People usually have regrets when they don't follow their instincts," says Toni Coleman, a McLean-based psychotherapist (703-847-1768, consum-mate.com) who has helped clients through changes in living situations. "You just get vibes from people, and you need to pay attention to those. It doesn't mean that the person is a serial killer; they just might not be the right person for you."

Sharing an apartment with a stranger comes with upsides. If they've discussed things such as housework and guest policies ahead of time, strangers-turned-roommates often find it easier to deal with conflicts than two friends, who might assume they'll share the same views on vacuuming frequency or musical preferences. "It's easier to bring up an issue," Pluhar says.

No matter how careful you are, there's always the chance that a stranger could turn out to be the roommate from hell. But for every horror story, there's a situation where a new roommate turns into a true friend.

Rosenblatt got along so well with her new roommates, Clyde Gillam and Alex Orr, that the three renewed their lease for another year. When Gillam decided to move back home, Rosenblatt and Orr found another guy, Brock Cline, who fit right in.

"Even though we've all gone our separate ways," says Rosenblatt, who now lives with a college buddy in Silver Spring, "I still talk to them on a weekly basis."

BETH LUBERECKI (FOR EXPRESS)

> **"It was a bit unconventional. But I went with my gut, despite protests from my friends that it was weird."**
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> — **SHARON ROSENBLATT,** WHO, AS A 22-YEAR-OLD COLLEGE GRAD LOOKING TO START HER ADULT LIFE, MOVED INTO A HOUSE WITH TWO GUYS IN THEIR MID-THIRTIES WHOM SHE DIDN'T KNOW. THEY STARTED OFF AS STRANGERS BUT BECAME FRIENDS.

Welcome Home, Stranger

The D.C. area is known for turnover, which means that the inhabitants of group rental houses and shared apartments are frequently welcoming new renters. If you have a new roommate, follow this advice to prevent your daily life from turning into a bad episode of "The Real World."

- **Make the new roommate feel like a part of the home immediately.** "The established housemates have to be conscious of the fact that they've got a new person who they need to welcome," says Annamarie Pluhar, author of "Sharing Housing: A Guidebook for Finding and Keeping Good Housemates." "Make space for the new person to put something of their own in the communal space."
- **Give them some privacy.** "One of my principles is that your room is your own," Pluhar says. "I think it's very important for the person moving in."
- **Be clear about rules, procedures and expectations, even with things you may think are obvious, such as what kitchen appliances are shared.** "I was a little nervous at first, thinking 'Am I allowed to touch this?'" Rosenblatt says. "But then I just realized I could ask, and that really diffused it right away." B.L.

Sharon Rosenblatt still talks to her former roommates every week.

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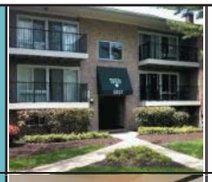
MD		**Hillside Heights** 5237 Marlboro Pike Capitol Heights, MD 20774	* Renovated Units w/granite countertops & tile floors * New appliances and cabinetry in select apartments * Accessible to Metro and 495, Suitland Parkway * On bus line* Spectacular location* Call for specials	Studio - 3BR's Starting at $860 **888-619-0052** uippm.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X				X
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MD		**Remington Place Apartments** 2602 Brinkley Road Ft. Washington, MD 20744	♦ TWO MONTHS FREE RENT ♦ Metrobus accessible ♦ Controlled access entry ♦ Free on- site parking ♦ Fitness center ♦ All utilities included ♦ Spacious floor plans	Studios, 1BR, 1BR w/den Starting at $826 **301-630-9500** www.remington-placemd.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X	X	X	
MD		**Charlestowne North** 8150 Lakecrest Drive Greenbelt, MD 20770	-Fully renovated apartments with stylish kitchens, new balconies and lots of space. -All utilities included in your monthly rent -A location near NASA Goddard Flight Center, the USDA, Metro and major roadways.	1-BRs fr. $1390's 2-BRs fr. $1900's **877-883-1105** CharlestowneNorth.com	X	X	X				X	X		X	X	
MD		**Carriage Hill Apartments** 3416 Curtis Drive #T3 Hillcrest Heights, MD 20746	Mid-Rise + Garden style apartment community. All credit considered. all utilities include and immediate move ins available.	1BR - 3BR's Starting at $985-$1465 **888-341-7613** carriageapts.net		X	X	X								
MD		**Marlborough House** 3001 Branch Ave. Hillcrest Heights, MD 20748	NOW OPEN 7 DAYS! Welcome home to Marlborough House where we offer superior service and a long list of amenities, including all utilities, a fitness center, a swimming pool, and a tele-entry system. Experience the southern difference. Cats allowed with pet rent.	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $940 **(888) 347-6956**	X	X	X		X			X	X	X	X	
MD		**Overlook Apartments** 1507 Ray Rd. Hyattsville, MD 20782	<u>ALL UTILITIES INCLUDED!</u> Overlook Apartments offer stylish apartment living w/Metro, DC and 495 right at your fingertips. Variety of spacious floorplans. Sparkling pool. Pets welcome. Income restrictions apply. See Sales Agent for Details. <u>Ask About our $350 Move-in Special</u>	1 BRs from $999 2 BRs from $1199 **888-414-5572** TheOverlookApts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				
MD		**Toledo Plaza** 3215 Toledo Place Hyattsville, MD 20782	Toledo Plaza Apartments offers -Location: Close to major transportation routes -Convenience: Walk to Prince George's Metro Station and Prince George's Plaza shopping -Value: Our apartments are affordability priced and utilities are included! A great value close to major transportation corridors in Hyattsville.	Studios - 3BR's Starting at $1275 **240-696-4600** www.toledoplazaapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**North Pointe Apartment Homes** 5720 29th Avenue Hyattsville, MD 20782	Imagine an affordable, established community with beautiful landscaped lawns and park benches, perfect for leisurely strolls. Think of apartment homes with great features, such as modern kitchens, large rooms and walk- in closets. Well you don't have to daydream anymore because North Pointe offers everything you could want!	1,2 & 3BR's Starting at $925 **301-559-1200** northpointemdapts.com		X	X	X			X	X			X	

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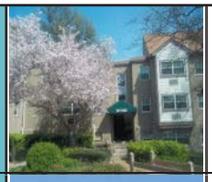
MD		**Cypress Creek** 8603 Cypress Creek Dr. Hyattsville, MD 20782	Cypress Creek is the perfect urban retreat! Convenient to University of MD, Howard University & 4 Metro lines to the City. Spacious floor plans, fully equipped contemporary kitchen. Olympic size pool w/sundeck,fitness center. Beautiful wooded setting adjacent to Michigan Park . Save! up to 2 Months FREE RENT	1BRs fr $850's 2 BRs fr $1080's **(877) 675-0044** CypressCreekApts.com		X	X	X		X			X	X		X
MD		**Kings Square Apartments** 3402 Dodge Park Road Landover, MD 20785	• FREE UTILITIES • Laundry facilities • Cable ready • Day care on premises • Superb elementary school in walking distance • Walk to Metro • Just minutes to Wegmans FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $870 **877-219-5017** kingssquareapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Maple Ridge** 2252 Brightseat Road Landover, MD 20785	• Remodeled apartments w/ brand new kitchens • Spacious balconies or patios • Individually controlled A/C & heat • Licensed Daycare on Premises • Free Fitness Center on Property Excellent location, right by the new Wegmans! FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP (call for details)	1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $870 **877-219-5026** www.mapleridgeapartments.com		X	X	X	X			X	X			
MD		Kent Village 6707 Hawthorne St. Landover, MD 20785	Located within minutes of downtown DC and the 495 Beltway. Only one block from the Landover Road Metro. Metro bus stop on the community. Newly renovated 1and 2 bedroom apartments and 2 bedroom townhomes. Comfort and convenience at an affordable price.	1,2BR's, 2BR TH's Starting at $932 866-799-4621 kentvillage.com		X	X		X	X	X	X				X
MD		**Montpelier Crossing** 9689 Muirkirk Road Laurel, MD 20708	Just minutes from downtown Laurel. Spacious garden-style apartments and town homes. -generously sized living rooms -separate dining rooms -bedrooms with large closets and bathrooms -kitchens come with white cabinets and white appliances, frost-free refrigerators, and gas cooking.	1, 2, 3 BR THs Starting at $890 **240-547-2113** montpeliercrossing.com		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Queenstown Apartments** 3301 Chillum Road Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	Welcome to a small taste of good living 1 block from West Hyattsville Metro! Newly renovated apartment homes (limited supply). Come find peace of mind at Queenstown Apartments! Offering 1 & 2 BR apartments, FREE After School Program, olympic size swimming pool, on-site security, fitness/business center,5% gov't and senior citizen discount. Ask about our student discount! Hablamos Espanol.	1, 2 BRs **888-759-9112** queenstownapts.com		X	X		X	X	X	X	X			
MD		**Park Forest Apartments** 625 Audrey Lane Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Under NEW Management!!! Welcome Home...Spacious apartments come with modern & fully equipped kitchens with dishwasher, large closets, light filled windows, and so much more. Amenities include: Olympic sized pool w/sundeck, FREE community shuttle to Southern Ave METRO. Minutes to 495, 295 and 210. Pay rent on-line.	1,2 BRs Starting at $885 **877-221-7315** theparkforest.com		X	X		X	X	X			X		
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $753 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		
MD		**Colonial Village** 908 Marcy Avenue Oxon Hill, MD 20745	• LOCATION, SPACE, VALUE! • Located minutes from Metro, the Beltway, downtown D.C. and Virginia. • A lovely garden community one minute from the renovated Eastover shopping center. • Walk to elementary school and 5 minutes to Metro. • Minutes to the National Harbor • Large balconies/patios	1,2,3 BRs Starting at $830 **877-219-5035**		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**Southview** 1309 Southview Dr. Oxon Hill, MD 20745	Open the door to the good life at Southview. With these spacious, affordable and conveniently located apartment homes, the good life is waiting for you inside and out. An easy commute takes you downtown by car or Metro, while back home, recreation areas and our two pools keep everyone active. Don't deny yourself the lifestyle you know you deserve. Visit Southview and get ready to live it!	Studio,1, 2, 3BR's Starting at $753 **888-414-6645** southviewapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X		

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MD		**Queens Manor Apartments** 4704 27th Street Mt. Rainier, MD 20712	* Remodeled Kitchens * Polished Hardwood or Carpet Floors * Individually Controlled Heat & A/C * Community Center * Controlled Access Entries * Income Restrictions Apply	1 BRs Starting at $915 **301-358-0719** queensmanorapts.com		X	X	X	X		X			X		
MD		**Auburn Manor** 6821 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	SPECIAL: 1/2 Month FREE on 1 Bedrooms * FREE Gas Heat & Cooking * Spacious Eat-in Kitchens * Oversized Floor Plans * Minutes to DC and Metro * Income Restrictions Apply	1 BRs Starting at $995 **888-332-6003** auburnmanorapts.com	X	X	X	X			X			X		
MD		**Parkview Gardens** 6400 Riverdale Road Riverdale, MD 20737	■ Gated community with updated apartments ■ Granite countertops, new appliances and cabinets. ■ Indoor and outdoor pools! ■ An unbeatable location close to shopping, public transportation, BW Parkway and 495. ■ FREE 6 WEEK SUMMER CAMP ■ FREE GAS COOKING & HEAT	1,2,3 BRs start at $920 **877-219-5030** parkviewgardensapartments.com		X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		
MD		**Waterford Tower** 14000 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Utilities Included! Experience Hi-rise living at its Best! Newly renovated apartment homes are not only stylish and comfortable...they are also enormous & offer stunning views. Call or stop by today and see for yourself!	1 BRs from the $1350s 2 BRs from the $1595 **888-544-7357** WaterfordTowerApts.com	X	X	X	X			X	X		X	X	
MD		**Woodvale Apartments** 13831 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	Guaranteed to win a free IPAD 2, 32" TV, $400.00 target gift card or $500.00 off your first month rent in addition to 1 month free on select apartments.	1-3 BRs; some w/den from $1109 **888-813-6507** Refreshurlifestyle.com		X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X
MD		**Spring Parc Apartments** 11 Featherwood Court Silver Spring, MD 20904	With a central location, exceptionally comfortable homes and the kinds of amenities you want, this is the best way to rent in Silver Spring, MD. Spring Parc's well-spaced homes include excellent features like washers and dryers. Ask about Our I-pad Drawing!	1-BRS from $1100s 2-BRS from $1300s **888-802-6770** SpringParcApts.com		X	X			X	X	X				X
MD		**Hillbrook Towers** 515 Thayer Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	PAY $599 YOUR FIRST MONTH WITH A 12 MONTH LEASE! Newly renovated mid-rise apts on a lovely residential street close to the center of Silver Spring. Elevator, CAC, disposals, assigned free parking. Walk to Metro. Housing Vouchers Welcome	1 and 2 BRs Starting at $1025 **888-833-9784**		X		X	X	X	X			X	X	
MD		**Montgomery Towers** 415 Silver Spring Avenue Silver Spring, MD 20910	Mid - rise building with spacious apartments, parquet floors, large windows, balconies, storage and secure entry.	1BRs from $1200 **301-589-6000 X 122** wcenac@emmetinc.com		X			X	X				X	X	
MD		**Windsor Court and Tower** 13802 Castle Blvd. Silver Spring, MD 20904	We fit your lifestyle! Choose from our garden or mid-rise apartment homes. Spacious floorplans. Individually controlled heat & A/C. On-site daycare, play areas, swimming and wading pools. Business Center. Cats and small dogs allowed! CALL ABOUT OUR SPECIAL!	1,2,3 BRs starting at $1168 **888-255-6159**		X	X	X	X		X	X		X		
MD		**Andrews Ridge** 5601 Regency Park Court Suitland, MD 20746	From renovated kitchens and baths, a new fitness and business center, a fresh look for the outside of the bldgs. and more.. we are committed to RENEWING this community and making the needed improvements for its valued residents. With upgrades this exciting, you won't want to miss out! CALL TODAY AND ASK ABOUT OUR GREAT SPECIALS!	**1-BRs fr. $1075. 2-BRs fr. $1190. 3-BRs fr. $1430** **888-502-7944** rejuvenateurlifestyle.com			X			X	X		X	X		X

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MD		**Silver Hill Apartments** 4277 Silver Hill Road Suitland, MD 20746	MOVE-IN SPECIAL Sign a 12 month lease and your 1st month's Rent is only $599 Our oversized living spaces feature hardwood floors and mini blinds. We are conveniently located near the finest in shopping, dining and entertainment. ● Housing Vouchers Welcome ● Holding fee required with application	1 BRs fr. $800 2 BRs fr. $900 (carpet extra) **888-513-2042**		X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
MD		**The Courts of Camp Springs** 5327 Carswell Avenue Suitland, MD 20746	• Spacious Floor plans • Huge walk-in closets • Sparkling pool • Minutes to Metro • Minutes to Capital Beltway • Business Center	1,2, 3 Bedrooms Starting at $905 **888-482-0472** courtsofcampsprings.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Marlow Heights Apartments** 4223 28th Avenue Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Heights, we feature garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3BR's Starting at $899 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-822-0583**		X	X	X	X							
MD		**Penn Mar** 3747 Donnell Dr., #102 Forestville, MD 20747	Receive a 42" flat screen TV!!! (After you pay 1st full month's rent) * Large walk-in closets * Pet Friendly * Minutes to Metro * Walk to shopping & dining * Income restrictions apply	2 Brs Starting at $1124 **866-473-0036** pennmarapts.com		X	X	X	X		X	X				
MD		**Belford Towers** 6733 New Hamshire Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912	Our apartments boast: • wall-to-wall carpeting, central air, • abundant closet space- including a walk in closet, garbage disposal, patio, elevator access, • and vertical blinds. • intercom access • on site security.	1,2,3 Bedrms starting at $1020 **888-420-4302** Beaconmanagement.com		X	X	X	X	X	X			X		
MD		**Marlow Plaza Apartments** 2900 Saint Claire Drive Temple Hills, MD 20748	At Marlow Plaza & Tower, we feature both high-rise and garden style apartments. Our homes feature wall to wall carpeting, oak wood cabinets and dishwashers. We are located just minutes from the Beltway, Suitland Parkway and 3 Metro lines. Stop by today for a tour of your new apartment home!	1,2,3 BR's Starting at $849 Second Chance Approval!! **1-888-803-3184**		X	X	X	X	X	X					
VA		**Dominion Plaza** 1200 S Courthouse Rd Arlington, VA 22204	Featuring reasonably priced, newly remodeled apartments overlooking scenic Army/Navy Country Club ● Parquet hardwood floor or wall-to-wall as avail ● Fitness center, pool & sundeck ● Picnic and barbecue areas on grounds ● Business Center ● utilities included	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1105 **703-436-1516** dominionplazaapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X		X		X	
VA		**Fillmore Garden Apartments** 805 S. Walter Reed Drive Arlington, VA 22204	An affordable community nestled among tranquil trees and in the heart of Arlington. * Close to cutting edge restaurants, lively clubs and quick access anywhere in DC * Spacious units with lots of light * Free utilities	1, 2 BRs Starting at $1200 **240-455-5092** fillmoregardenapts.com		X	X		X		X					
VA		**Glebe House** 25 West Glebe Road Alexandria, VA 22305	• Furnished & Unfurnished • FREE Cable and HBO • FREE 90-Day membership to YMCA • FREE WIFI in the business center • Prime location minutes to Washington DC, Pentagon, Crystal City, Old Town, Reagan National Airport, Beltway and 395	Studio, 1 BRs Starting at $1004 **240-455-3567** glebehouse.net	X	X			X		X				X	
VA		**Kings Gardens Apartments** 6300 S.Kings Hwy Alexandria, VA 22306	Kings Gardens delightfully combines city convenience with suburban charm. This Alexandria address is within a short distance from schools, shopping, and the Huntington Metro Rail Station. Residents enjoy beautiful landscaping and an on-site pool.	1BR-3BR's + Dens Starting at $ 1165 **866-980-9358** kgleasing@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	

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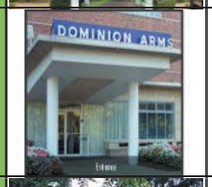
VA		**The Parliaments** 7409 Eastmoreland Rd. Annandale, VA 22003	• All Utilities included • Central Air & Heat • Huge Walk-in Closets • Pets Welcome • Very Spacious Apartments	Studios,1, 2, 3BRs Starting at $1195 **866-796-5301** parliaments@smcmail.com		X	X	X	X	X	X	X			X	
VA		**Crystal Plaza** 2111 Jefferson Davis Hwy Arlington, VA 22202	Imagine having direct access to the Crystal City Underground and Metro. Crystal Plaza features: -Generously sized interiors with wall to wall glass living areas and panoramic views -Modern eat-kitchens, separate dining areas and ceramic tile bathrooms. Located in Crystal City minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria.	Studio, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $1710 **240-348-1790** crystalplazaapartments.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**The Buchanan** 320 23rd Street South Arlington, VA 22202	The Buchanan is located in the heart of Crystal City just minutes from downtown DC, the Pentagon and Old Town Alexandria. Imagine living at this perfect location where you have convenient access to the Crystal City Metro as well as steps away from a variety of shops, and award winning restaurants.	Studios, 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms Starting at $1,620 **240-348-1803** www.buchananapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		
VA		**Shirlington House** 4201 S. 31st Street Arlington, VA 22206	• Spacious floor plans • Garage parking available • 24 hour Fitness Center • Convenience store on-site • Convenient public transportation to Metro, Pentagon City & Crystal City • Easy access to I-395	Studio, Efficiency, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1230 **703-595-4233** shirlingtonhouseapts.com	X	X	X		X		X	X	X		x	
VA		**Southern Towers** 4901 Seminary Road Alexandria, VA 22301	• Close to Pentagon & I-395 • Convenience store on-site • Free on-site parking • Metrobus accessible • Small pets welcome • No security deposit & move-in fees	Efficiency, 1, 2, 3 BRs Starting at $950 **703-485-4154** southerntowersapts.com	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	
VA		**Potomac Towers** 2001 North Adams Street Arlington, VA 22201	• Newly remodeled apartments • Newly remodeled lobby w/Business Center • Fitness Center, Pool & Sundeck • 24-Hour Front Desk Service • 3 Blocks to Court House Metro • Easy access to Key Bridge, Rt. 66 & GW Parkway	Studio, 1, 2 BRs Starting at $1415 **703-485-4903** potomactowers.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
VA		**Dominion Arms** 333 South Glebe Rd. Arlington, VA 22204	● Utilities Included ● Beauty shop, barber shop & drycleaners ● Close to Route 50 ● Laundry rooms on each floor ● Metro Bus to Ballston & Pentagon Metro ● Outdoor swimming pool ● Small pets welcome	Studio, 1BR, 2BR starting at $1110 **703-822-5558** dominionarmsapts.com	X	X	X		X	X	X	X			X	
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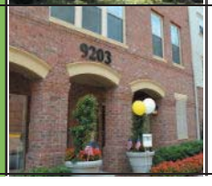
VA		**The Courts at Historic Manassas** 9203 Prince William St. Manassas, VA 20110	Welcome to the Courts at Historic Manassas! Just steps from the VRE and downtown Historic Manassas, our beautiful new residences are just what you've been looking for. FREE1.5 months rent!!!	1-2BR's Starting at $1430 **703-365-9657** Leasing@thecourtsapts.com		X	X									

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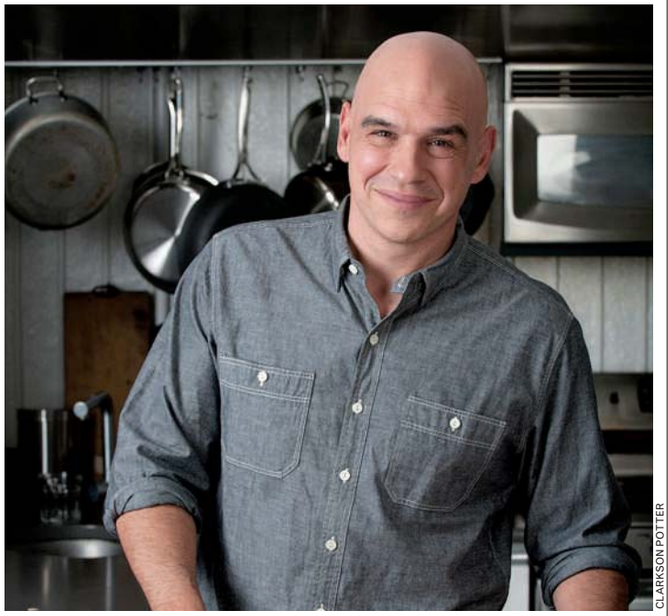

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Michael Symon

FOOD NETWORK CHEF, MEAT ENTHUSIAST

Call Michael Symon a meathead and he's more likely to shake your hand than punch you in the face. Along with other culinary bigwigs (Giada De Laurentiis, Paula Deen), the Cleveland-born restaurateur will be headlining the Metro Cooking & Entertaining Show on Sunday and Monday (Metrocookingdc.com) at the Washington Convention Center (801 Mount Vernon Place NW) where he'll dazzle with cooking demonstrations and discuss "Carnivore," his new cookbook and love letter to all things meaty ($35, Clarkson Potter).

Why do you think so many people are afraid to cook meat?

I think when people go to the grocery store, they get overwhelmed by all the different cuts. With the cookbook, I wanted to explain them all and the best way to cook them. It takes an intimidation factor out.

Many of your recipes have four steps or less. That's got to help.

I don't believe in difficult cooking. There's always going to be someone who wants to make their own sausage or hot dogs, and those recipes are in there. There's also a roasted chicken recipe and other dishes that are intended for people who are a little more busy.

What are some misconceptions people have about meat?

Americans are afraid of fat, but it's needed for tenderness and flavor. Boneless skinless chicken breast sells better than any other type of chicken, yet the thighs have three times more flavor for a third of the price.

Can you explain your eating less-but-better philosophy?

We're preprogrammed to think more is more. If you get a 5-ounce prime, dry-aged rib eye, it's going to satisfy you, whereas if you buy a steak that has no fat, it's going to take 12 to 14 ounces to fill you up. Meat of a higher quality is more expensive, but it has more flavor.

> **"In my 25 years of going to dinner with chefs, I have never seen a chef order a tenderloin. Not one."**

You don't include any tenderloin recipes in the book. Why's that?

Tenderloin is a flavorless cut of meat people pay an exorbitant amount of money for. You will never see a butcher or a chef order a beef tenderloin. In my 25 years of going to dinner with chefs, I have never seen a chef order a tenderloin. Not one.

The side dishes in your book tend to be more veggie-based than the typical potato. Why is that?

[Potatoes with meat] is rich on rich and not delicious to me, even though it's an American classic. You want something to cut through the meat. For example, I paired the bone-in prime rib with horseradish beets. They complement the dish but don't weigh it down.

What can people expect at the Metro Cooking Show?

I'm doing a cooking demo with Carla Hall. We're making biscuits and gravy. It should be fun. I love doing live cooking demonstrations and getting people involved. As a chef, there's nothing I enjoy more than cooking in front of a live audience. HOLLEY SIMMONS (EXPRESS)

Event Horizon | Worldly Goods for a Good Cause

Fifty clothing designers (including local knitwear star Kim Schalk), jewelry makers and fair-trade selling organizations sell their wares at the Margaret McNamara Memorial Fund International Arts and Crafts Fair, with 15 percent of proceeds going to charity. 9:45 a.m.-4 p.m., Tue.-Thu., World Bank Main Complex, 1818 H St. NW. Photo ID required.

goods lookout

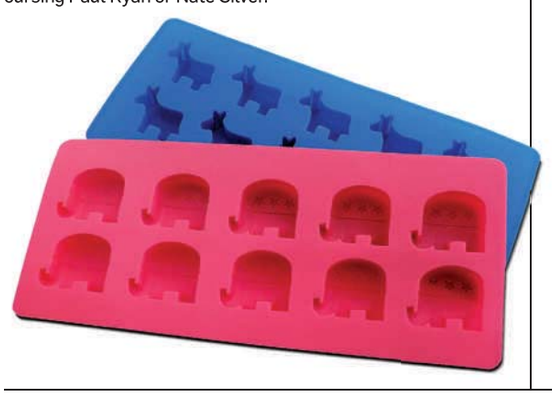
1 It's a Wonder

THIS SATURDAY, C. Wonder opens its signature lime-green lacquer doors to shoppers in search of quirky gifts such as enamel bangles ($38), neon-striped totes ($88) and velvet slippers with embroidered hearts ($128, shown). The New York City-based home and clothing shop (founded by Tory Burch's ex) may become your best friend for holiday gifts (Tysons Corner Center, 1961 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, Va.; Cwonder.com.)

Grab Bag

2 Cool Running

WHETHER YOU HEART OBAMA or believe in Mitt-mentum, chances are you'll be watching election results until late in the evening Tuesday. And since all signs point to a nail-biter, you might be imbibing, too. Nicecubez's silicone ice-cube trays ($10 each, A Mano, 1677 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-298-7200) let you drink up while cursing Paul Ryan or Nate Silver.



DENADA

3 Knit Wit

DENADA DESIGNS, the D.C. knitwear brand founded by University of Maryland alum Virginia Arrisueno, has been keeping us chic and cozy since 2005. Its new collection at Redeem (1734 14th St. NW; 202-332-7447) stars wintery colored weaves such as a wave-pattern white hood ($58, shown), a plum-colored braided cowl ($58) and gray leg warmers ($32) way more elegant than their '80s ancestors.

4 Italian Lessons

KNOWN FOR ITS SLEEK sofas and sculptural chairs, Italy's Calligaris furniture line outfits spaces like Milan lofts and Tuscan palazzos. The contempo brand just opened its first local outpost (5252 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-244-5544) in Chevy Chase, trotting out mod designs such as the Bloom tub chair (shown, $350), groovy, mid-century style vases and the glass-topped, expanding Orbital table ($7,800) which could serve up to 10 dolce types for Turkey Day.

5 Diss Guys

FANS OF THE naughty-named but never dull Tumblr [Expletive] Yeah Menswear can say "Heck yeah!" to a new book of the same name from its editors ($20, Touchstone). Mock raps accompany pics of fetching fellows ("Henry David Theezy, in Red Wings" satirizes a man camping) while parody buying guides (your old man's old Oxford) tickle those who see highfalutin fashion as a joke.

Grab Bag is gathered and reviewed by Jennifer Barger and Holley Simmons. Find more food, fashion, beauty and home goods at expressnightout.com/grabbag.

Dear Manolo

ANSWERS FROM THE SHOE BLOGGER

Thanks to a recent unpleasant experience with a late-season hurricane that shall remain nameless, I have come to the realization that I need to upgrade my rain boots to something sturdier and less girlish. Please help. —ANGELA

Manolo says it is true! The pink girly gum boots that were fine for skipping down the street to the patisserie in the light mist would likely prove unsuitable for wearing while chain-sawing into kindling the oak tree that has crushed your Prius.

But this is why the 500-square-feet walk-in shoe closets were invented, no? Because you need many different sorts of the shoes for many different sorts of the occasions, including the various situations that arise during the natural and/or manmade disasters.

For the example, by the Manolo's reckoning, to be properly dressed during the recent hurricane would have required at least five different pairs of the shoes, to include the it-won't-be-so-bad-hurricane-party shoes, the ayyyy!-we-are-all-going-to-die-drunk shoes, the oy-it-was-worse-than-imagined-hangover shoes, the what-to-wear-to-the-Red-Cross-shelter shoes, and, finally, and most importantly, the shoes of did-not-listen-to-the-warnings-remorsefulness.

As for what sturdy foul-weather boots the Manolo would recommend for the young lady who vows to take matters more seriously next time, the Manolo is partial to the Hunter Huntress ($135, Zappos.com), the traditional tall Wellington that has served generations of unflappable English ladies very well.

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lookout styles

Raking in The Shoes

Next week, Americans will choose between two guys in the presidential election. Luckily, when it comes to autumn shoes, women don't have to ponder such a stark choice. With equestrian boots, metallic loafers, leopard-print heels and gem-tone pumps in the polls, the only decisions you'll have to make are "One pair or two?" and "Do these flats make me look like an undecided voter?"

Booting Up

1. Antelope's cognac brown riding boots ($151, Zelaya Shoes, 4940 St. Elmo Ave., Bethesda; 301-656-8550). **2.** LK Bennett's wooden-heeled wonders ($575, Bishop Boutique, 815-B King St., Alexandria; 571-312-0042). **3.** Seychelles two-tone brown booties ($154, The Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax St., Alexandria; 703-548-7105). **4.** Frye black motorcycle boots ($268, The Shoe Hive). **5.** Tory Burch's knee-high brown boots ($550, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400).

The World is Flats

1. Mossimo sparkle smoking slipper ($20, Target stores). **2.** Patricia Green hunter-green suede driving moc ($113, Zelaya Shoes). **3.** Lillybee purple calf-hair smoking slipper ($188, Bishop Boutique). **4.** Leopard-print Kate Spade flat ($235, Sassanova). **5.** All Black gray snake-print flat ($142, Sassanova). **6.** Patricia Green orange suede driving moc ($113, Zelaya Shoes). **7.** Tweed smoking shoe by Splendid ($78, Sassanova). **8.** Sparkling Kate Spade loafers ($225, The Shoe Hive). **9.** Cap-toe flat ($228, Simplysoles.com).

Heel Thyself

1. Dolce Vita fuchsia suede pumps ($99, Sassanova). **2.** Kelsi Dagger blue suede heels ($96, Zelaya Shoes). **3.** Bettye Muller leopard-print calf pumps ($495, Simplysoles.com).

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Don't Feel The Squeeze

Kegel exercises have benefits, but they're not right for everyone

Like most women, Leslie Howard thought the key to pelvic-floor health was Kegel exercises. So she dutifully isolated and contracted as often as she could — until her muscles were so tight that she couldn't have sex with her husband.

"I learned the hard way," says Howard, who had to spend the next year undoing the damage. The Bay Area yoga instructor has since dedicated herself to educating others about the female anatomy. She's offering her workshop, "Yoga and the Pelvic Floor," at Circle Yoga.

Her students typically show up expecting a curriculum in "advanced Kegels," Howard says, but what they get is a look at a 3-D model of a female pelvis, a discussion of why society is ashamed by anatomy, and then homework to manually examine their own pelvises. Inevitably, a third of the group reports discovering excessive tightness they were never aware of.

Hypertonic — or too tight — pelvic-floor muscles are common and can cause terrible pain and other disorders, according to Kathy Pesavento, owner of PelviCore Physical Therapy in Vienna, Va., which offers a range of therapies.

"The pelvis is a complicated area. It's the Grand Central Station of the body," says Pesavento, noting that many women who experience pain are too embarrassed to tell anyone. Doctors tend to focus on organs rather than muscles, so gynecological exams often go by without any indication of a problem, she says.

AMY METRY

Yoga teacher Leslie Howard travels with a 3-D model of the female pelvis.

One major contributor is stress, Pesavento says. Another is posture: "Tight muscles in the legs, back and belly can pull the pelvis out of line."

So it was only natural for Howard to turn to her yoga practice for solutions. She's found several she recommends to women in her situation, including squatting with a rolled-up mat under their heels and downward dog with bent knees ("So your hamstrings aren't tugging on the pelvis," she explains).

In both positions, the key is untucking the pelvis to promote a neutral spine, which is something women should strive for off the yoga mat, too. It's easier to do standing than sitting, but it helps to perch at the edge of a seat, Howard says.

These moves are just as critical as Kegels for the pelvic floor. "The health of a muscle is how it moves through a range of motion," Howard says. "You should be able to contract it, stretch it, soften it."

But first, you have to be able to talk about it. VICKY HALLETT (EXPRESS)

Workshop

Howard will offer her "Yoga and the Pelvic Floor" workshop ($145) Friday and Saturday at Circle Yoga (3838 Northampton St. NW, Circleyoga.com). Learn more at Lesliehowardyoga.com.

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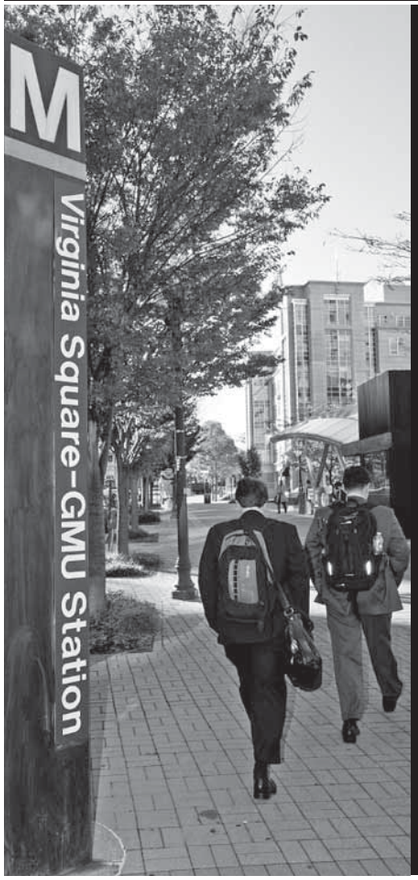

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The Big Reveals

When Arnon Goldfinger's Jewish grandmother died in Tel Aviv, he brought a camera to film his family cleaning out her apartment. What they discovered — and what became the subject of Goldfinger's documentary "The Flat," out Friday — was that she and her husband had been friends with a highly placed SS officer and his wife, and that their friendship continued after World War II.

By Kristen Page-Kirby

When my grandmother died this summer at 90, I didn't bring a camera, but I should have. She came from the WASP branch of the same German tree as Goldfinger's grandmother, so she didn't talk much about herself. Helping clean her house, though, I learned more about her from what she left behind than I ever had from how she lived: She once sat on a mule with three other teenage girls, laughing her head off. She kept every report card for each of her four children. Pictures of my son led to pictures of me, led to pictures of my father, led to pictures of people no one could identify.

It's normal to see our parents age, to see gray creep into our siblings' hair. But our grandparents are usually old the day we're born, and we assume they always have been.

In "The Flat," Goldfinger learns his grandmother often had tea with a Nazi. For me, it was just as shocking to learn that my grandmother once thought it was funny to sit with her friends on a mule.

@ Read Kristen's previous columns at: **expressnightout.com/thereelist**

A Near-Perfect Landing

Denzel Washington reaches new heights in the thrilling 'Flight'

Film Review

"Flight" brings audiences perhaps the most harrowing scenes of a troubled airplane ever committed to film.

With nerve-racking authenticity, director Robert Zemeckis — known for his wizardry with computer-generated illusions in films like "Forrest Gump" and "The Polar Express" — puts viewers on board the routine 52-minute short hop that will have life-changing repercussions for ace pilot Whip Whitaker.

Portrayed by Denzel Washington with his characteristic somber focus, Whip is introduced in the film's opening sequences waking up after a night of hard partying, clearing his head with a swig of beer, a joint and a couple of lines of cocaine. Just another day on the commuter-flight circuit, until a dab of turbulence and a defective plane send Whip, his crew and his passengers on a spectacularly terrifying controlled dive from which the pilot will emerge a hero. Only a handful of people know that he's a sullied Sullenberger — gifted with razor-sharp instincts and reflexes, to be sure, but also harboring addictions that threaten to devour him whole.

The tensions between that heavy shadow material and the better angels of Whip's nature make up the dramatic fulcrum of "Flight," even though it's that breathtaking sequence on the plane that will understandably generate the most chatter.

The film presents an assured star turn from Washington — who seems to become more bloated and bleary as Whip's fight between denial and recovery grows more heightened — but it benefits just as much from the ensemble backing him: Bruce Greenwood and Don Cheadle as the union representative and attorney, respectively, who try to assist Whip with the aftermath of the crash landing, John Goodman providing comic relief as Whip's good-time-Charlie dealer and Melissa Leo in a brief but spot-on appearance as a tough transportation board official who may be the only person able to call him on the swagger and bluff that have gotten Whip so far for so long.

Cut from the same cloth of addiction-denial-recovery dramas, "Flight" hinges on whether Whip will finally accept the reality of his disease or succumb to it.

The twist is that the arrogance and illusion of invulnerability that could keep him from saving his own life are the very qualities that help make him an excellent pilot.

Drunks are notoriously tiresome company in real life, but "Flight" is terrifically entertaining, both as a you-are-there action flick and the deeper psychological thriller it becomes.

ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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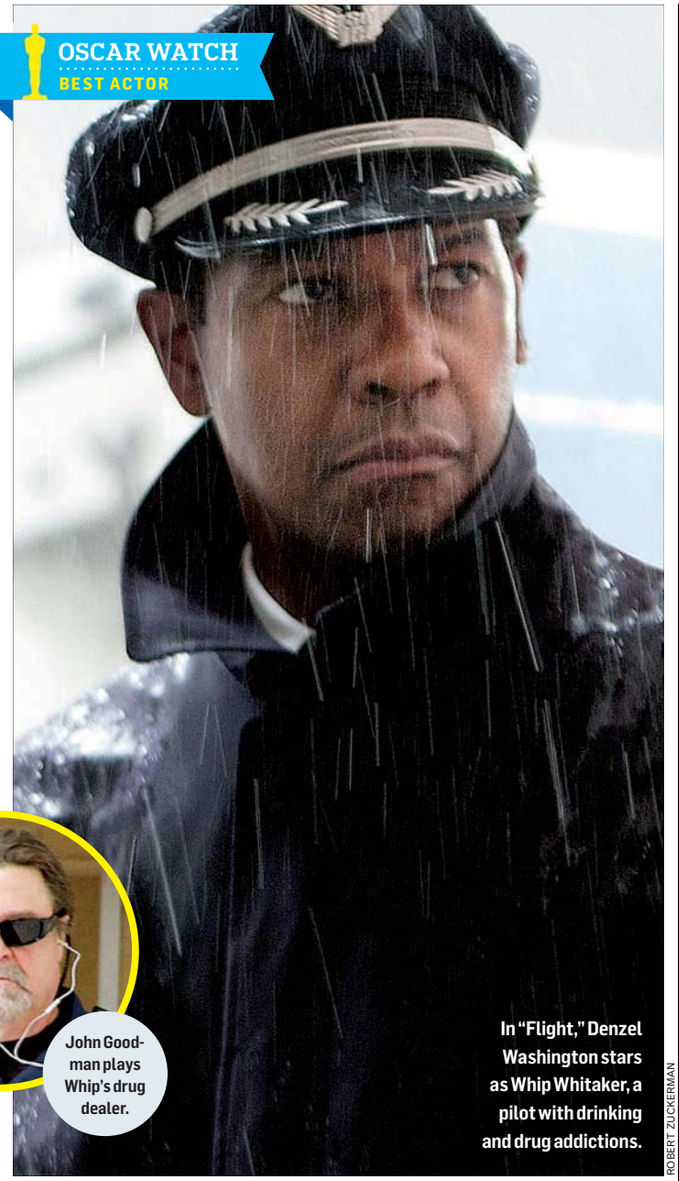
ROBERT ZUCKERMAN

In "Flight," Denzel Washington stars as Whip Whitaker, a pilot with drinking and drug addictions.

John Goodman plays Whip's drug dealer.

With nerve-racking authenticity, director Robert Zemeckis puts viewers on board the routine 52-minute short hop that will have life-changing repercussions for pilot Whip Whitaker.

Flight (R)

- **Director:** Robert Zemeckis
- **Stars:** Denzel Washington, Don Cheadle, John Goodman
- **In a Nutshell:** An airline pilot saves a flight from crashing, but an investigation into the malfunctions reveals something troubling.

Surviving Sandy: NBC will hold a benefit concert Friday for victims of Superstorm Sandy featuring some artists native to the areas hardest hit. Bruce Springsteen and Jon Bon Jovi of New Jersey and Billy Joel of Long Island will appear at the concert, hosted by "Today" show co-host Matt Lauer. "Hurricane Sandy: Coming Together" will benefit the American Red Cross and will be shown at 8 p.m. on NBC, Bravo, CNBC, USA, MSNBC and E! (AP)

entertainment lookout

DISNEY

Ralph (left, voiced by John C. Reilly) attends a support group for video-game baddies in the animated "Wreck-It Ralph."

A Role-Playing Game

In 'Wreck-It Ralph,' a virtual villain wants his turn as the hero

Film Review

Here's what the reviews would say if "Wreck-It Ralph" were an actual video game and not a video-game-themed movie: Great concept and graphics, weak story mode.

The 3-D animated comedy is the story of a goofy bad guy out of a retro arcade game who "game jumps," leaving his cloistered universe — and role as the heavy — in search of fulfillment in other games.

It's a clever and original idea, with lots of cute sight gags. (One of the ghosts from "Pac-Man" leads a support group for misunderstood villains.)

But the narrative is overly busy, noisy and unengaging, with little of the charm and heart that won viewers over in the "Toy Story" franchise.

The voice casting here works well. In the title role of a hulking destroyer who's only good at smashing things but who dreams of becoming a hero, John C. Reilly manages to evoke the pathos of the outsider. And Sarah Silverman is pretty perfect as Vanellope von Schweetz, a tomboyish pre-adolescent driver in a kiddie drag-racing game called "Sugar Rush" that Ralph serendipitously finds himself in. Like Ralph, Vanellope aspires to video-game greatness.

The unexpected friendship between Ralph and Vanellope is one of the nicest things about the movie. He's a misfit runaway, and she's a "glitch," a character whose digital computer code has begun to malfunction, threatening not just her livelihood as a driver, but also her life. Together they try to realize their own — and each other's — dreams.

That, unsurprisingly, involves a lot of frenzied racing and miscellaneous action, which, along with eye-popping visuals, "Wreck-It Ralph" emphasizes over emotion. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Wreck-It Ralph (PG)

- **Director:** Rich Moore
- **Stars:** John C. Reilly, Sarah Silverman, Jane Lynch
- **In a Nutshell:** A video game villain sets out to become a hero.

All the Right Moves

A school chess team inspires in the riveting doc 'Brooklyn Castle'

Film Review

Friday night lights are not nearly as exciting as Saturday morning checkmates at Brooklyn public middle school I.S. 318, which has a consistently acclaimed chess team. Observing is riveting, too, especially when looking through the lens of the enlightening, inspiring and expertly crafted documentary "Brooklyn Castle."

COURTESY OF PDA

The chess team at the center of "Brooklyn Castle" practices on a train for a match.

Katie Dellamaggiore's film is hardly an underdog story; the team has been called the Yankees of academic chess teams. Yet the school's rise to prominence is noteworthy given that about 65 percent of its students live below the poverty line.

Over the course of a year, the film looks at the lives of a handful of teammates, their families and their coaches to examine, in part, the recipe for such a winning streak.

Middle school, of course, offers countless possibilities for drama, and the film makes powerful use of emotionally heightened stories while steering clear of typical adolescent angst. Matches tend to be suspenseful, though the real nail-biter is the Wall Street meltdown, which jeopardizes the team's funding. There's also the matter of placing into a good high school, which is an all-consuming concern for team member Alexis, who wants to attend college and support his parents. Listening to him discuss such realities makes it easy to forget he's 12 years old. STEPHANIE MERRY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

Brooklyn Castle (PG)

- **Director:** Katie Dellamaggiore
- **In a Nutshell:** A junior high school's champion chess team faces challenges — and triumphs — amid financial crises and unprecedented public school budget cuts.

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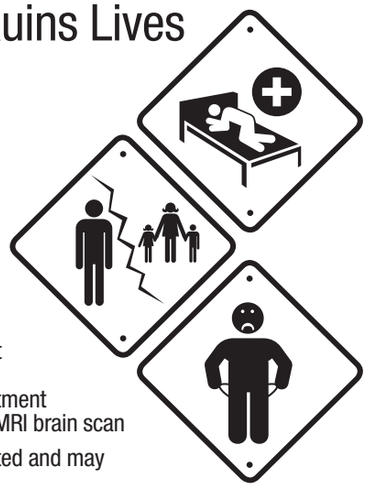

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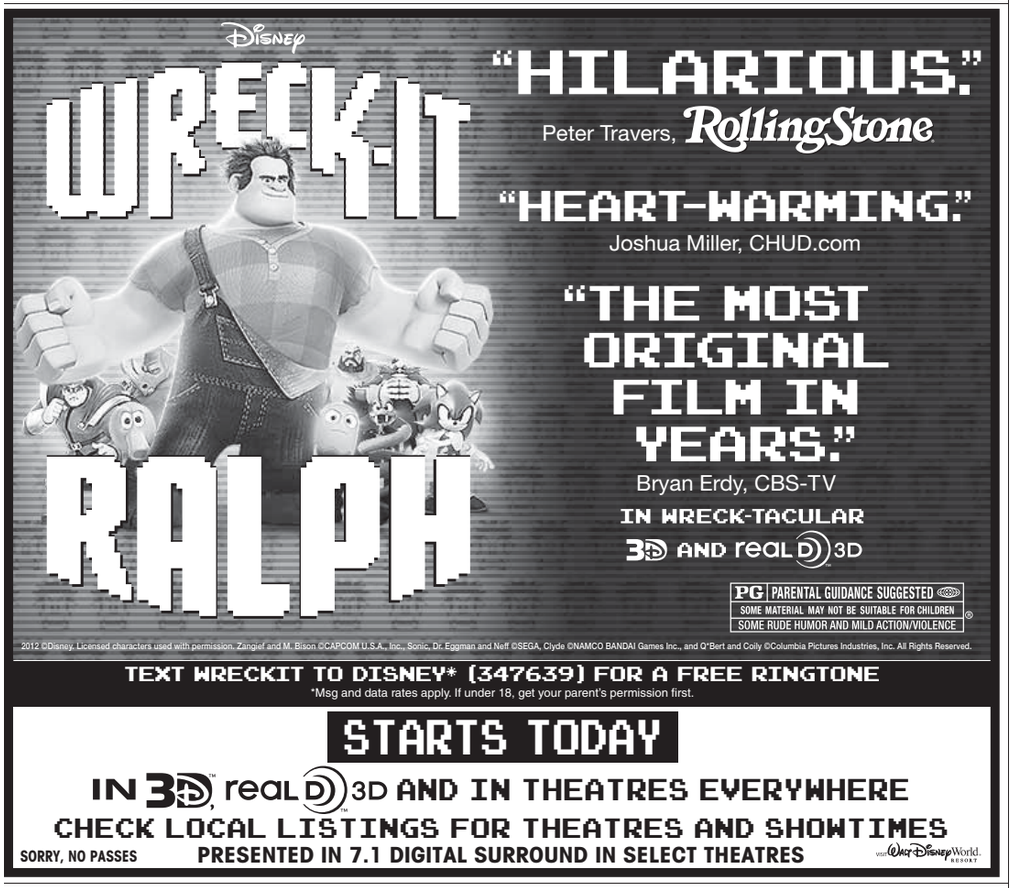

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'A Late Quartet' (R)

This film tells the story of a longtime chamber-music group facing the possibility of disbanding when one of its members receives unexpected news. As that group member, a soft-spoken cellist named Peter, Christopher Walken, center, lends pathos and dignity to a man who for two decades has acted as teacher, mentor and father figure to his fellow musicians. As the latter, he's had the most impact on violist Juliette (Catherine Keener, right), who is married to violinist Robert (Philip Seymour Hoffman, far right), who in turn nurses an unspoken rivalry with first-chair violinist Daniel (Mark Ivanir, left). When the focus is on the fiery psycho-dynamics within the tight-knit group, the film hums along just fine. ANN HORNADAY (THE WASHINGTON POST)

'The Details' (R)

If you love Laura Linney, you'll probably love "The Details," or at least the several scenes that she's in. Playing the "wackadoodle" next-door neighbor of Tobey Maguire's, above, blank-faced protagonist in this black comedy of suburban angst, the actress injects a big dose of crazy into a story that could use a little more of the real thing. The film centers on Maguire's Jeff Lang, a porn-addicted obstetrician with a cold-fish wife and backyard raccoon problem. It's kooky, but in a way that feels strenuous and forced. MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (TWP)

'The Bay' (R)

Barry Levinson's "The Bay," a ripped-from-the-headlines psychological chiller, burrows under the skin with its terrifying twist. The director weaves a realistic and profoundly disturbing creature feature set in Maryland's Eastern Shore. Told through technology-assisted flashbacks, "The Bay" revisits the site of a 2009 ecological outbreak that rapidly decimated the bucolic (and fictional) bayside town of Claridge over the July 4 holiday. Levinson approaches the mysterious attack from the perspective of a fledgling journalism student who survived the devastation and now feels compelled to tell her story to an off-camera investigator. M.O. (TWP)

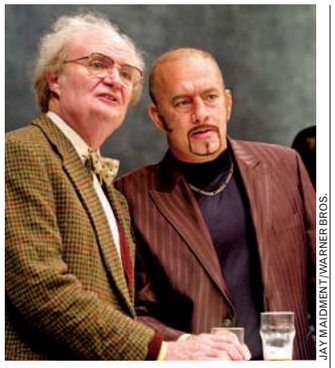
entertainment lookout

Now Playing

Last weekend's top 5 films at the box office

ALEX CROSS (PG-13, 102 minutes) The first question you'll ask about "Alex Cross" is: Can Tyler Perry carry it off? The answer: Sort of, but not really. As novelist James Patterson's beloved Washington-based detective and Sherlock Holmes-ian forensic psychologist, Perry has a tall order to fill. Not only must he banish all thoughts of Morgan Freeman, who portrayed the character in earlier films, but he also must shake his association with Madea, the over-the-top drag role for which Perry is best known. Over the course of "Alex Cross," which follows the detective's pursuit of a psychopathic assassin who has killed Cross' wife, our hero turns into a morally dubious avenging angel. M.O.

1 **ARGO** (R, 120 minutes) This captivating, expertly machined political thriller jumps through every hoop the naysayer can set up: It's serious and substantive, an ingeniously written and executed drama fashioned from a fascinating, little-known chapter of recent history. It also happens to be extremely funny, crafty and enormously entertaining. Ben Affleck plays Tony Mendez, a CIA expert in disguises and "exfiltration," who at the height of the Iran hostage crisis in 1979 is called on to get six American diplomats out of Tehran, where they've been hiding in the Canadian ambassador's residence. His scheme is so crazy, it just might work: He proposes to impersonate a movie producer who arrives in Iran to scout locations for his upcoming science-fiction flick. After some legerdemain with paperwork and spending a day or two chatting up the new revolutionary government's cultural ministers, he'll depart with the Americans in tow, each of them playing someone on the film's crew. A.H.



JAY MAIDMENT/WARNER BROS.

Actors Jim Broadbent and Tom Hanks try to piece together "Cloud Atlas." Spoiler alert: They don't get it, either.

2 **CLOUD ATLAS** (R, 172 minutes) At its simplest, "Cloud Atlas" tells the interlocking stories of several characters over a 500-year span. How these disparate players intersect becomes the labyrinthine game, in which each story line gets its own distinctive look and tone. Those visual cues work well in helping viewers make sense of the dizzying time-trips "Cloud Atlas"

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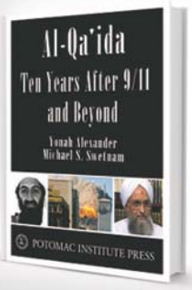

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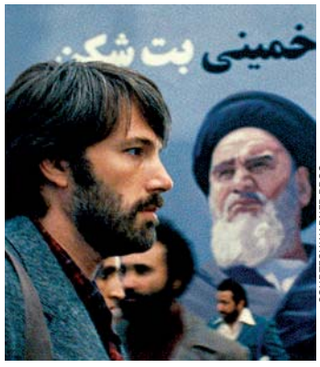
takes them on; more controversial is having the same actors portray characters in every subplot. One of the small miracles is that every actor manages to create a palpable, even memorable, character within a structure that threatens to blow apart from its own concentric force. A.H.

FUN SIZE (PG-13, 90 minutes) A teenage girl named Wren gets invited to a Halloween party by dreamy classmate Aaron Riley. Clearly, Wren and her best friend, April, just have to go. But there's a problem: Wren's mother tells Wren to take Albert, her nonspeaking Tasmanian devil of a little brother, trick-or-treating so that mom and her boyfriend can hit a party of their own. Wren begrudgingly does her sisterly duty but, of course, loses track of Albert. Anyone who has a passing understanding of the term "shenanigans ensue" can figure out where things go from here. JEN CHANEY

HERE COMES THE BOOM (PG, 105 minutes) Kevin James plays Scott Voss, a Boston biology teacher who comes to the aid of the school's gentle music instructor, Marty Streb (Henry Winkler), when the board tries to cut extracurricular activities — band included. So the former wrestler looks into MMA, where the loser of a bout can bank $10,000. For the most part, "Boom" lazily follows Adam Sandler's proven recipe for box-office success. Because of James, "Boom" isn't a total bust. But what's missing from this color-by-numbers screenplay is the bizarre touch of eccentric humor Sandler often lets creep into his comedies. By comparison, the generic "Boom" comes off as bland. SEAN O'CONNELL



COURTESY WARNER BROS.

After failing to top the box office in its opening weekend, Ben Affleck's "Argo" claimed top honors last weekend.

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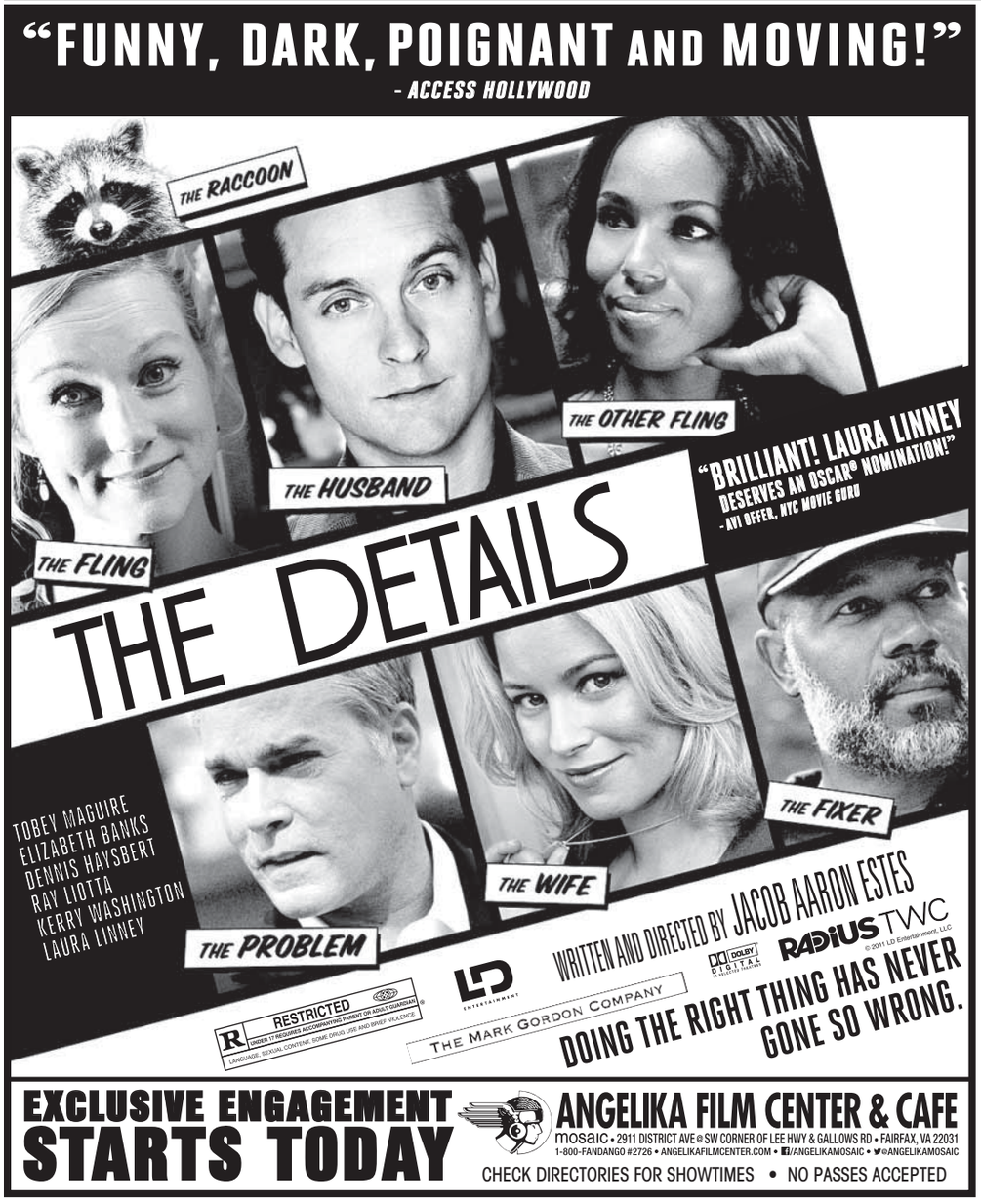
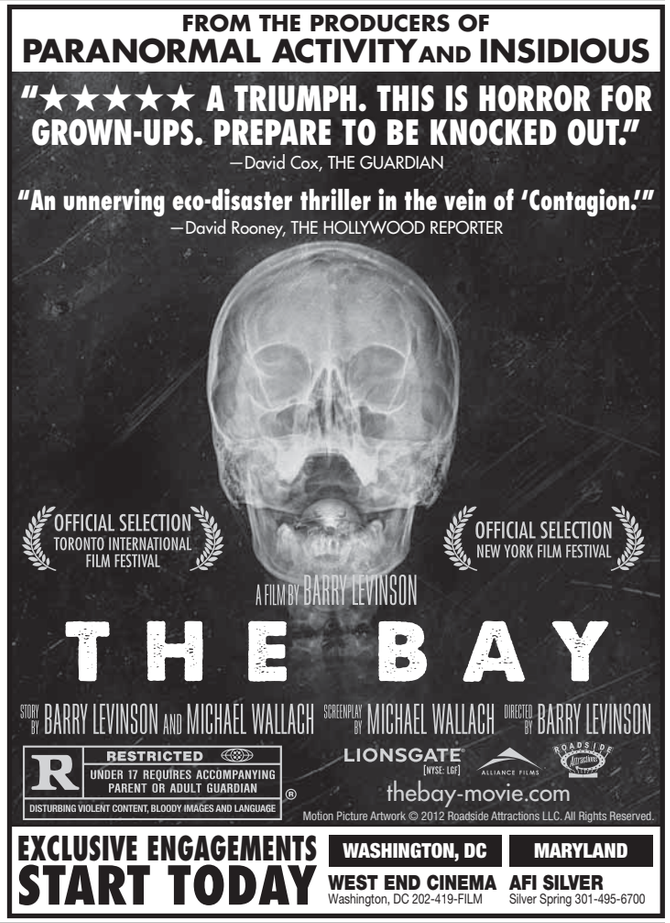
HOTEL TRANSYLVANIA (PG, 92 minutes) As Count Dracula, Adam Sandler turns in a blandly unobjectionable — if toothless — performance. As Jonathan, a young American backpacker who accidentally wanders into Dracula's castle — set up as a hotel for monsters seeking refuge from human persecution — Andy Samberg does his best to animate his innocuous persona. Selena Gomez brings a bit more personality to the role of Dracula's daughter, Mavis, a "teenager" celebrating her 118th birthday while chafing at her father's overprotectiveness. Of course, she and Jonathan fall in love, leading to — well, not terribly much. It's something of a shame. "Hotel Transylvania" is entertaining enough for the trick-or-treat crowd,





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but a bit more bite wouldn't kill it. M.O.

4 **PARANORMAL ACTIVITY 4** (R, 88 minutes) The newest film in the found-footage horror series picks up in story terms where the second film left off. A brief recap of that film's finale — in which the possessed Katie disappeared with her infant nephew, Hunter — opens the proceedings before moving forward five years to introduce a family living in a Nevada suburb. After a creepy neighbor boy named Robbie comes to stay with them for a few days, weird things begin to happen around the house. When Katie suddenly appears, it implies that Robbie is, in fact, Hunter. "Paranormal Activity 4" is in many ways one big setup, building to a single, inevitable what's-behind-you jump scare and then a rollicking finale. (LOS ANGELES TIMES)

PITCH PERFECT (PG-13, 112 minutes) Kay Cannon's script about the world of competitive collegiate a cappella combines the obvious elements of "Glee" with the plot and snark of the 2000 competitive-cheerleading comedy "Bring It On." Running through it all is the surreal DNA of "30 Rock," coupled with that show's satirical plausibility. For the most part, it works brilliantly. That's largely because of the music, which the movie approaches with an attitude halfway between awe and skepticism. Anna Kendrick also helps. In the lead role of Beca — an alterna-chick who only reluctantly joins her school's all-female singing group, the Bellas — Kendrick brings a healthy amount of amused detachment. M.O.

5 **SILENT HILL: REVELATION 3D** (R, 93 minutes) Silent Hill is a ghost town where an underground coal mine fire keeps the ash falling like carcinogenic snow. The new "Hill" is more or less as striking as the earlier ones. There's an awful script filled with references to "The Order" and "The Brethren," who may have the other half of "The Seal" which they may keep in "The Sanctuary." Or was it "The Asylum"? Mom (Radha Mitchell) appears in flashbacks, helping her husband and daughter, Heather, escape West Virginia. Dad takes them from city to city, dodging the beasts without faces. They always catch up. (MCCLATCHY-TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE)

SINISTER (R, 110 minutes) Played by Ethan Hawke, Ellison Oswalt is a true-crime writer who, in an effort to research his next book, moves with his unwitting wife and two young children into a house where the last occupants were hung from a tree in the backyard. Before he has fully unpacked, Ellison discovers a box in the attic containing a movie projector and a stack of Super 8 films with explicit footage of that most recent massacre, along with several other similarly grisly murders. After watching a few minutes of this charming snuff-film library, the first thing Ellison realizes is that someone must have left the movies specifically for him. He does what any sane, responsible father would do: consult a specialist in the occult. M.O.

TAKEN 2 (PG-13, 91 minutes) As "Taken" protagonist Bryan Mills, Liam Neeson infused an otherwise by-the-numbers procedural with an ineffable, highly appealing blend of Celtic soul and heft. "Taken 2," however, is a sequel every bit as clumsy, ham-handed, outlandish and laughable as the original was sleek, tough and efficient. When Bryan travels to Istanbul on business, circumstances conspire to bring his daughter and ex-wife there in order to surprise him; soon, all three are caught up in a nasty web of kidnapping, sadistic torture and revenge spun by the very Albanian bad guys Bryan recently vanquished on behalf of his daughter. From its first set piece, "Taken 2" possesses the perfunctory mark-hitting of a movie more invested in going through the motions than raising its own bar. A.H.

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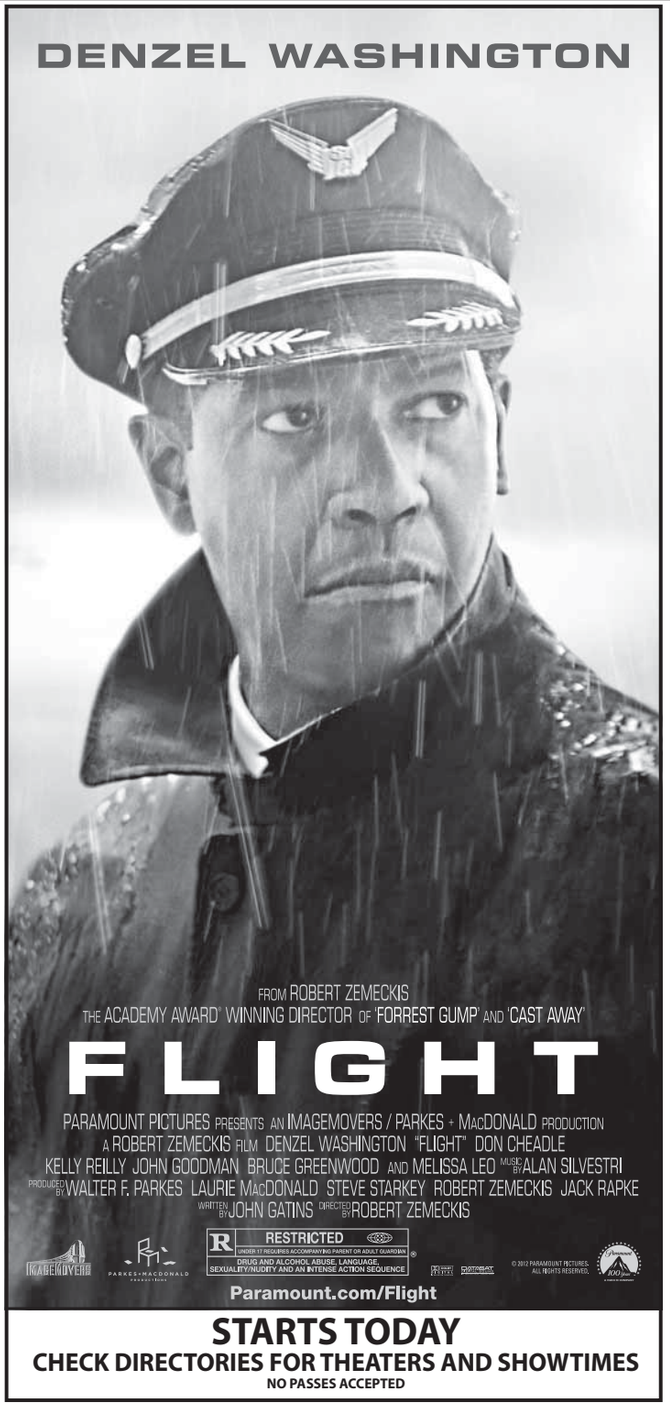

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GOLDSTAR PR

1 Bending Minds

Woods is a band that changes from song to song. One minute a Neil Young-ish folk act, the next a forward-thinking Brooklyn indie band. At live shows, Woods most resembles the free-form psychedelia of the Grateful Dead. It's at its best when all those sides come together, like much of Woods' breezy new album, "Bend Beyond." ***Red Palace, 1212 H St. NE; Fri., 8 p.m., $12; 202-399-3201, Redpalacedc.com.***

2 Your Vote Counts Here

Washington Improv Theater's shows are never the same twice, yet the format is always familiar: Audience suggestions determine key plot points, characters and situations. The current show, "POTUS Among Us," is election-themed, so you can live your fantasy of influencing politics. ***Source, 1835 14th St. NW; through Mon., $15-$20; 202-204-7770, Washingtonimprovtheater.com. (U Street)***

3 Road Warriors

Dr. Dog has a reputation as one of rock's most consistent bands. The indie-psych rock group (including Toby Leaman, shown) had one of its best-reviewed albums (2010's "Shame, Shame") when it tried to capture the energy and spontaneity of its live shows. We recommend you play the record before heading out to the 9:30 Club to get yourself excited. ***9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m., sold out; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U Street)***

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Sinister (R) Digital Presentation: 11:10
Paranormal Activity 4 (R) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: 11:00
The Man with the Iron Fists (R) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: (!) 12:00-2:40-5:10-8:00-10:40
Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) CC-Closed Captions;RealD 3D: (!) 10:10-3:10-5:40-8:30
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Wreck-It Ralph in 3D (PG) CC-Closed Captions;RealD 3D: (!) 10:00-12:45-3:20-6:00-9:00
Pitch Perfect (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: 11:45-2:50-5:50
Cloud Atlas (R) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: (!) 1:40-5:20-9:30
Cloud Atlas: The IMAX Experience (R) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation;IMAX: (!) 10:45-2:30-6:30-10:30
Fun Size (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions;Digital Presentation: (!) 10:00-3:10

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Argo (R) 12:00-2:45-5:30-8:15
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The Flat (Ha-dira) (NR) 1:50-4:20-6:50-9:20
The Loneliest Planet (NR) 2:20-4:50-7:20-9:50
Evil Dead 2 (R) 12:00AM
The Sessions (R) 1:30-2:00-2:45-3:45-4:30-5:15-6:15-7:00-7:45-8:45-9:30-10:15
The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
The Master (R) 1:45-5:00-8:15-11:00
Brooklyn Castle (PG) 2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
The Pink Panther (1963) (NR) 12:00AM

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Cloud Atlas (R) CC/DVS: 12:30-4:20-8:00-11:40

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The Intouchables (R) English Subtitles;France's #1 all-time hit! 2:40-5:00-7:20-9:40
The Bay (R) From Barry Levinson: 7:40-9:50
Argo (R) Ben Affleck directs and stars!: 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30
The House I Live In (NR) 3:00-5:20

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The Bay (R) No Passes: (!) 3:00-4:45-6:45-8:45-10:30
Arbitrage (R) 12:50
The Master (R) 70mm: 4:00-10:00
Alien (1979) (R) 9:30
Possession (1981) (NR) Halloween on Screen: 7:00
Tales of the Night (Les contes de la nuit) (NR) Free Screening;Kids Euro Festival: 5:00
The Double Steps (Los pasos dobles) (NR) Festival of New Spanish Cinema: 3:00
Iceberg (NR) Festival of New Spanish Cinema: 1:00

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The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) 1:35-4:05-6:50-9:40
The Other Son (Le fils de l'autre) (PG-13) 2:05-4:30-7:20-9:35
The Master (R) 3:00-6:00-9:00
A Late Quartet (R) 1:45-4:10-7:00-9:30

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Paranormal Activity 4 (R) CC/DVS: 1:25-4:05-6:40-9:20
Alex Cross (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 1:15-3:50-6:35-9:10
The Man with the Iron Fists (R) CC/DVS: 1:35-4:35-7:00-8:00-9:25-10:25
Hotel Transylvania (PG) CC/DVS: 1:30-4:10-6:45-9:45
Silent Hill: Revelation 3D (R) CC/DVS: (!) 4:25-7:05-9:30
Silent Hill: Revelation (R) CC/DVS: 1:40
Wreck-It Ralph in 3D (PG) CC/DVS: (!) 2:15-4:55-7:35-10:15

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Fun Size (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: (!) 1:05
Cloud Atlas: The IMAX Experience (R) IMAX: (!) 12:00-3:30-7:05-10:45
Here Comes the Boom (PG) 12:10
Looper (R) 3:50-9:15-11:55
Fun Size (PG-13) (!) 3:25-6:10-8:30-10:55
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Wreck-It Ralph (PG) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 12:20-3:00-5:40-8:20-11:00
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The Perks of Being a Wallflower (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT;Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: 2:00-4:50-7:30-10:20
Alex Cross (PG-13) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 5:10
Seven Psychopaths (R) Digital Presentation;Reserved Seating: (!) 7:50-10:30

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Hotel Transylvania 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:30-3:20-8:25
Here Comes the Boom (PG) Digital Presentation: 11:30-4:50-10:20
Looper (R) Digital Presentation: 1:15-7:15
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Cloud Atlas (R) Digital Presentation: 10:10-2:00-6:00-9:50
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Cloud Atlas: The IMAX Experience (R) Digital Presentation;IMAX: 12:35-4:30-8:15-12:00
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The Details (R) 1:00-3:15-5:30-7:45-10:00
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Cloud Atlas (R) 12:30-4:00-7:35-10:55
Masquerade (NR) 11:00-1:50-4:30-7:15-10:00
The Big Lebowski (R) 11:45

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Total Recall (PG-13) 7:20
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TV weekend lookout

An Unrevealing 'Raid'

National Geographic's 'SEAL Team Six' film offers no new insights

Movie

SUN 8:00

If it weren't airing two nights before Election Day, National Geographic Channel's passable Harvey Weinstein-produced "SEAL Team Six: The Raid on Osama Bin Laden" would have come and gone with remarkable stealth.

A hodgepodge of historical re-enactment, faux-documentary noodling and snippets of Barack Obama news footage, "SEAL" unashamedly accentuates the president's leadership in the hunting and killing of the 9/11 mastermind.

It feels as fresh as a two-year-old press conference.

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Alvin "Xzibit" Joiner plays a member of SEAL Team Six in this TV movie.

Director John Stockwell relies on generic action music, ticking clock flourishes and recruitment-ad pathos to pump up emotion.

To move things along, characters, such as Kathleen Robertson as a CIA official intent on settling America's 9/11 score, speak directly to an off-camera interviewer.

"Being obsessed is like having a one-way affair," she confides about her bin Laden mission. "It's secret and you can't stop thinking about him and you're always alone and you don't know how it will end."

The SEALs fare no better. The two main commandos (Anson Mount and Cam Gigandet) bicker over some personal rivalry, a half-baked story line that's abandoned long before they reach Abbottabad.

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Best Bets

FRI 8:00

Last Man Standing (ABC) Tim Allen, right, returns for a second season as manly man Mike Baxter, who struggles to feel like the guy in charge in his household full of females. In the season premiere, Mike tries to persuade his middle daughter, Mandy, who's voting for the first time, to back his candidate, while Kristin and Ryan urge her to vote for the other guy.

FRI 10:00

Election 2012: What's at Stake (PBS) Four days before voters head to the polls, this special offers a rundown of how Barack Obama and Mitt Romney plan to address the economy, health care, immigration and the country's interests abroad.

SAT 10:00

Larry Wilmore's Race, Religion and Sex in Florida (SHO) "The Daily Show" correspondent, left, heads to Florida to examine the swing state's exotic, religious and economic conditions the weekend before that state's crucial role in the 2012 election.

SUN 7:00

Black Girls Rock 2012 (BET) This two-hour, star-studded evening honors exceptional women of color around the world who stand as inspirational and positive role models. Kerry Washington, Alicia Keys and Dionne Warwick are among the honorees, while Tracee Ellis Ross and Regina King serve as co-hosts. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Fall Premieres

Reba's Revival

Reba McEntire's new sitcom "Malibu Country" (Fri., 8:31 p.m., ABC) combines elements of her former, eponymous show with her real life. Once again, she plays a mom named Reba who's just dumped her cheating husband, but this Reba, like the real one, is a country singer. Newly divorced, she moves with the kids (Justin Prentice and Juliette Angelo) to California and tries to stay true to her roots. Lily Tomlin is a real treat as Reba's mother. (TM)

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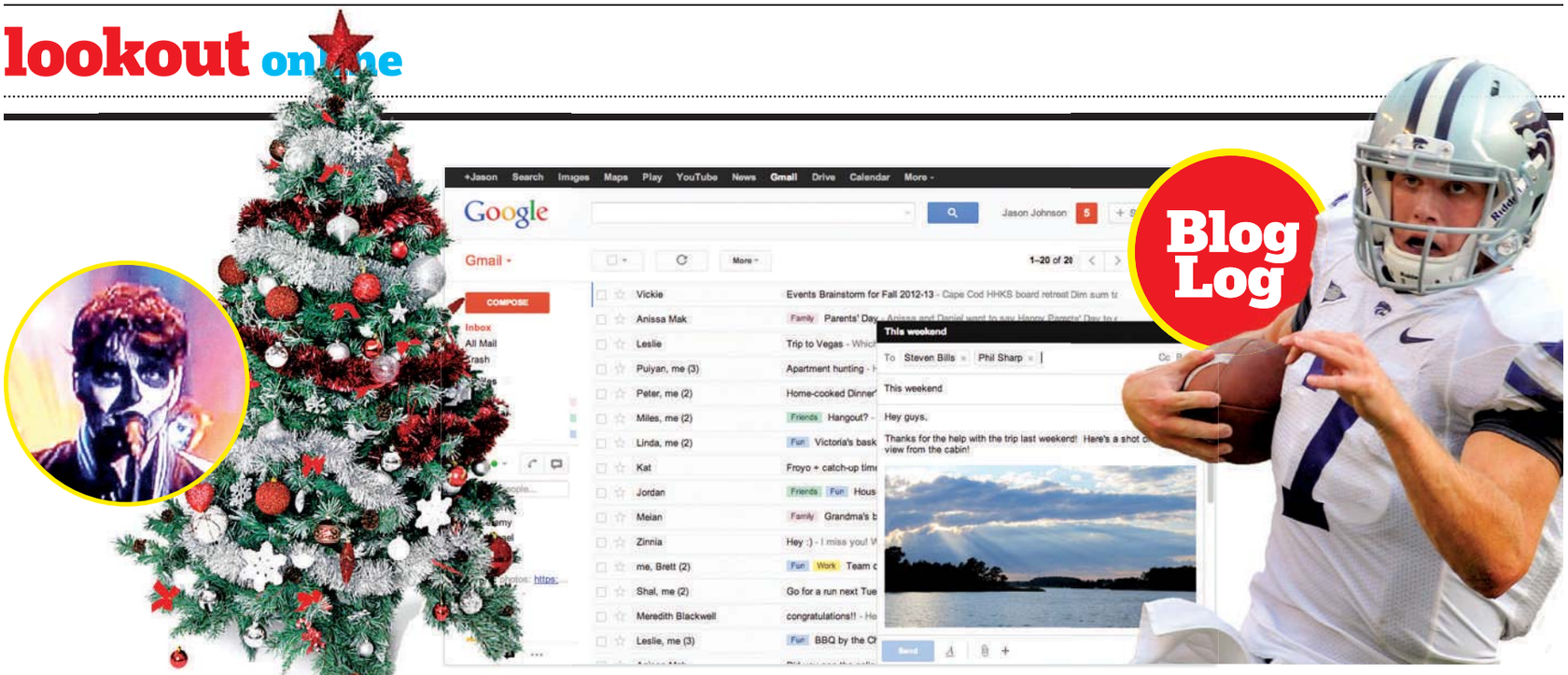

"The new tune is a bit of a departure from the charming polyrhythmic complexities that launched them to fame as our generation's biggest 'Graceland'-era Paul Simon fans. The new tune is more straightforward and driving with Ezra Koenig rocking a big acoustic and blasting out Americana undertones."

— **ALEX MOORE AT DEATHANDTAXES MAG.COM** liked what he saw from Vampire Weekend when it debuted its new song "Unbelievers" on ABC's "Jimmy Kimmel Live" on Wednesday night.

"True story, my neighbors beside my parents house have had a Christmas Tree up for at least a week. NOT COOL. Don't overlook Turkey day."

— **@BENNJEFF** doesn't appreciate people who can't get their holiday-decoration priorities straight.

"When composing email messages, I find myself needing to stop, save, and search for email addresses, older message threads, and so forth. It is a pain. Is this funky and fresh new compose window the answer? I don't know. I'm of the ilk that finds Google chat windows rather annoying, so treating messages like chats seems odd to me."

— **JENNIFER VAN GROVE AT VENTUREBEAT.COM** thinks Gmail's new feature that makes composing emails more like sending chats has advantages but is ultimately an odd change.

"The more I fell out of poses, the more frustrated I became. I silently yelled at my ankles to support me. I begged them to be strong. ... I humbled myself into child's pose and wept. Silently. As inconspicuously as one can weep on one's mat in one's yoga class."

— **IAMAVERAGEJANE.WORDPRESS.COM** had a rough go at yoga class on Tuesday night.

"Looks like we have a replacement for Tebow coming, though I doubt Klein is going to appear shirtless in any magazines."

— **JASON LISK AT THEBIGLEAD.COM** was a bit weirded out by the story of Heisman Trophy hopeful and Kansas State quarterback Collin Klein, who reportedly never kissed his wife until his wedding day. Klein said in an interview that he took a vow when he was 14 years old that he would not kiss until he was married.

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Horoscope

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You will want to stay firmly within your comfort zone as you face a situation with which you have not been long acquainted.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Attend to all forms of protocol today and you'll avoid rubbing anyone the wrong way. Manners count for much.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Warnings that come your way must be heard or they will surely go unheeded -- and that, in turn, will bring serious dangers your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Someone is trying to get you to back off from an issue that is quite important to you at this time. Hold your ground patiently.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have a certain style that can be shown off on more than one occasion. Others will come back with positive feedback.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You'll be singled out for something that is really only partially your own doing. You'll want to share credit with another.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) If it's approval you seek, you may have to wait patiently for much longer than you had anticipated. It will come — but not today, probably.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You'll be tempted to fall back on something much easier when the going gets tough for you when pursuing your main goal.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) The social aspects of your work will provide more than mere enjoyment. You can make one or two important new contacts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You may be skeptical of a plan introduced by another — and not just because your own ideas are being overlooked. You have a legitimate concern.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You must lean on someone more reliable than your familiar teammates today — not that they are unreliable, but another is more steady.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You'll discover that what you have been doing is not exactly according to the plan set forth. It's a matter of creativity.

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Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 90-100, BEST SCORE 161

A1	E1	U1	G2	T1	N1	G2	3rd Letter Double	RACK 1
E1	E1	I1	T1	T1	N1	D2		RACK 2
E1	I1	O1	H4	L1	G2	S1		RACK 3
A1	I1	L1	D2	D2	N1	M3	Triple Word Score	RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

E1	G2	G2	N1	O1	G2		RACK 1 =	9
T1	A1	L1	L1	E1	S1	T1	RACK 2 =	57
C3	O1	M3	P3	O1	S1	T1	RACK 3 =	76
U1	P3	R1	A1	I1	S1	E1	RACK 4 =	65
PAR SCORE 140-150							TOTAL	207

FOUR RACK TOTAL _____

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. Seven-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

6				3	5			8
	3		6	2		7		
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1	8							
		4		5		8		
							1	2
		9		4				5
		1		9	3		6	
4			2	8				7

Yesterday's Solution

4	1	3	5	9	2	6	7	8
7	8	6	4	3	1	9	2	5
2	9	5	6	8	7	1	3	4
3	7	9	8	6	4	2	5	1
5	6	8	2	1	3	7	4	9
1	4	2	9	7	5	3	8	6
8	2	1	7	4	6	5	9	3
9	3	7	1	5	8	4	6	2
6	5	4	3	2	9	8	1	7

Need more Sudoku? Find another puzzle in the Comics section of The Post every Sunday and in the Style section Monday through Saturday.

Comics

POOCH CAFE | PAUL GILLIGAN

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE | STEPHAN PASTIS

Forecast

54 | 39

Today: Partly sunny and breezy today with a shower. Partly cloudy tonight.

54 | 39

Tomorrow: Partly sunny, windy and cool tomorrow. Clouds breaking tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead

SUN	MON	TUE
56 | 41	52 | 39	53 | 39

Sun and Moon
Sunrise today: 7:37 a.m.
Sunset today: 6:06 p.m.
Moonrise today: 8:52 p.m.
Moonset today: 10:54 a.m.

Almanac
Normal high: 63
Record high: 86
Normal low: 45
Record low: 27

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Crossword

SOLVING RAW

ACROSS

1 Banks open them (Abbr.)
6 Cop after dealers
10 One of the Three B's of classical music
14 Barton, American Red Cross founder
15 Popular cookie since 1912
16 Start for "dynamic" or "nautical"
17 Far from safe
20 "___ skin off my nose!"
21 Like a llama, natively
22 Red army member
24 "The Island ___ Moreau"
27 Reduce in intensity
28 Reluctant
31 Cover a cake
33 Tightrope walker's protection
34 Numb, as a foot
36 Musical Copland
38 Least acceptable amount
41 Hulu offering
42 Pass on, as dancing to a song
45 Foxy
48 Played a military flute
50 Red giant with an abundance of carbon
51 Schroeder's instrument
53 Ad catchword
55 Didn't pay yet
56 Some field hockey players
58 Chloroform kin
61 In the altogether
66 Advanced in years
67 Lotus position practice
68 Gifted individual?
69 Majors and Iacocca
70 Visitor's term
71 Georgia of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show"

DOWN

1 Versatile blackjack card
2 160, to Caesar
3 Beginning of this clue?
4 Pace between a walk and a run
5 Mouthy lip
6 Snooze
7 Gallery display
8 Vintage auto
9 Closing passage in music
10 Travel mag recommendation
11 Sea bordering Greece
12 Make something
13 Charlotte pro
18 Ambient music's creator
19 Body-related
22 Chicken-king divider
23 One rejection after another
25 Sink accessory
26 Mottled horse
29 Certain muscle injury
30 Cattle breed
32 Indian titles of respect
35 Prefix with "scope" or "meter"
37 Squirreled away in fall
39 Mishandle
40 Driving an automobile
43 GM labor group
44 III, in modern Rome
45 Word with "cord" or "column"
46 Magazine article measurement
47 Member of the Bronx Bombers
49 Wedding band alternative
52 Food, clothing and shelter
54 Zeta-theta connection
57 Simon ___
59 Jekyll's alter ego
60 Black, poetically
62 Barroom elbow-bender
63 Turkish title
64 Riddle-me-___ (guess-book challenge)
65 '60s singer ___ Shannon

Yesterday's Solution

L	I	L	A	C		S	A	G	E		T	H	E	A
A	D	O	R	E		T	B	A	R		H	U	M	S
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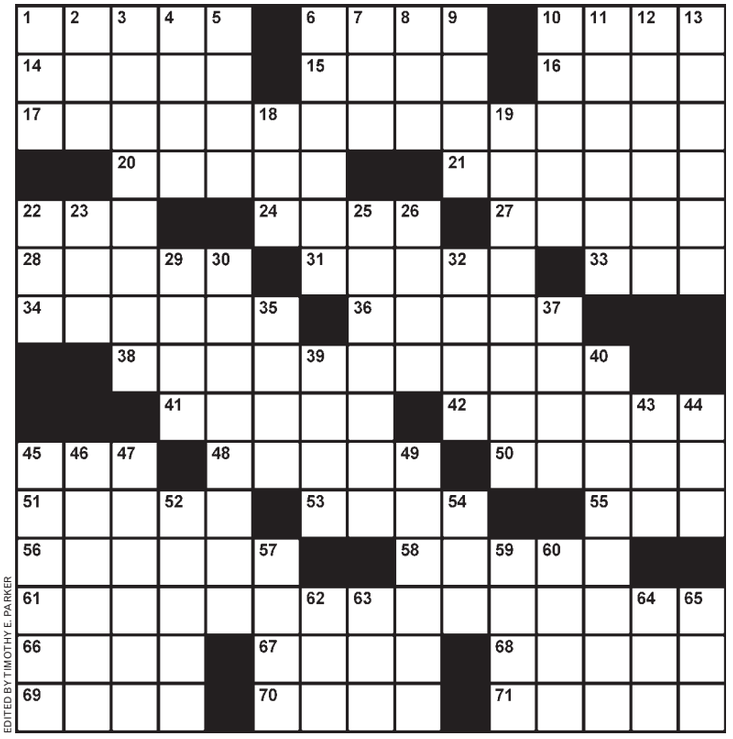

Samurai Sudoku

DIFFICULT

Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.

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Last Week's Solution

2	7	8	3	1	9	4	6	5
3	6	9	4	5	8	2	7	1
4	5	1	2	6	7	9	3	8
7	1	2	8	9	6	5	4	3
9	8	6	5	3	4	7	1	2
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Today in History

1889 North Dakota and South Dakota become the 39th and 40th states.

1936 The British Broadcasting Corp. inaugurates "high-definition" television service from Alexandra Palace in London.

1947 Howard Hughes pilots his huge wooden flying boat, the Hughes H-4 Hercules (derisively dubbed the "Spruce Goose" by detractors), on its only flight, which lasted about a minute over Long Beach Harbor in California.

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OVERSHARING

'Guys. This Is NOT HELPING'

Two actors from "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn — Part 2" told Us Weekly that they don't judge Kristen Stewart and neither should anyone else. "I used to cheat so much it would be very hypocritical of me to pass judgment," Charlie Bewley said. "I know what it's like to have an inflated libido." Daniel Cudmore added: "I remember my 20s. I couldn't be in a relationship that lasted more than a week." (EXPRESS)

SEE AT RIGHT

LeAnn Rimes Disappointed Her Costume Didn't Win 'Most Tasteless 2012'

Chris Brown shared his Halloween getup with fans on Instagram on Wednesday, prompting accusations of poor taste. Brown and four friends dressed as what appear to be terrorists. The photo, in which Brown brandishes a big gun in front of a sports car, was captioned, "Ain't nobody [expletive] wit my clique!!" (EXPRESS)

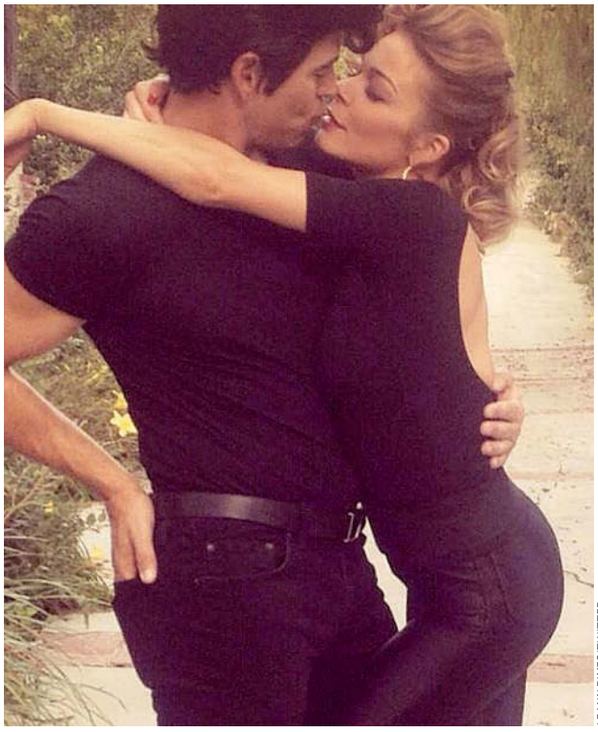
INSTAGRAM/CHRIS BROWN

"My probation worker will love this group costume," Chris thought.

Victims

'Us Z-Listers Have To Stick Together'

Michael Lohan tells TMZ.com that he got Nadya "Octomom" Suleman to go to rehab. He says Suleman's manager approached him for help in staging an intervention. "The most important thing is the willingness to realize and surrender to the issue and commit to getting help, which Nadya did," Lohan said. (EXPRESS)



LEANN RIMES/TWITTER

"I told my therapist so much about you in rehab," LeAnn whispered sexily.

HALLOWEEN ATROCITIES

'Sexy Superstorm' Costume a Failure

LeAnn Rimes shared her Halloween costume with her Twitter followers Wednesday: Sandy, Olivia Newton-John's character from "Grease." Husband Eddie Cibrian dressed as Sandy's love interest, Danny. "Danny and Sandy #Halloween," Rimes tweeted, along with photos. Rimes' choice of costume provoked criticism online; some found the connection to Superstorm Sandy in poor taste. (EXPRESS)

MONEY

Undercurrent of Extreme Desperation Not Included

Bristol Palin is selling her 2010 Dodge Challenger on Craigslist. "Faithful readers know I love Craigslist!!" Palin wrote on her blog (Patheos.com/blogs/bristolpalin). The two-door car is priced at $27,500. The Craigslist posting says, "This is Bristol Palin's car and she absolutely babied it." Her son, Tripp, appears in some of the photos of the car. (EXPRESS)

"I really lost that gauge of somebody I could trust. Nightmare. Years and years of crying. Oh, the tears!"

—KATE MOSS DESCRIBES HER BREAKUP WITH JOHNNY DEPP IN AN INTERVIEW FOR VANITY FAIR'S DECEMBER ISSUE. THE PAIR DATED IN THE MID-'90S.

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